

Bar-On gives up A-G post

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In a dramatic about-turn, newly appointed Attorney-General Roni Bar-On last night informed Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu that he will not take up his post.

His decision came while the High Court of Justice had m effect suspended the appointment while waiting to decide on a petition against it, and followed three days of controversy since his election by the cabinet on Friday.

State Attorney Edna Arbel has been oamed acting attorney-general until a new candidate is found.

Netanyahu issued a statemeot last night expressing regret over Bar-On's decision and his high regard for him. "Bar-On was callously wronged through the unrestrained personal offensive around a blancless man who against him, which was unleashed solely because of his given no chance. This man was

political views," the statement injured without any cause via a merciless media onstaught and tzik issued a MK Dalia

completely at Bar-On's own initiative. The prime minister in fact sought to dissuade him and even asked that he at least wait to hear the High Court ruling. I implored him in a sim-

ilar vein, but to no avail." Haneghi said Bar-On had told him and Netanyahu that he "didn't want the prime minister and the entire government to draw fire on his account, and that he would moch rather forgo the position than burt the government."

As Hanegbi sees it, "It is a great shame that Bar-On was unable to prove himself and occupy high office merely because he does not belong to that exclusive leftist elite of Israeli society. His unexpected decision resulted from the demonic whirlpool, from the exultant witch hunt which suddenly and so savagely erupted around a blameless man who had done no wrong and was

Hussein compromise may clinch Hebron deal

By DAVID MAKOVSKY and JON IMMANUEL

Jordan's King Hussein yesterday secured a key Palestinian concession that appears to have brought the sides much closer to a Hebron agreement. He then flew with it from Gaza to Tel Aviv for a late night meeting with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu. "We can envision the end of the

negotiations in sight," Netanyahu said after meeting with Hussein. "Because of the important initiative His Majesty took, we have made considerable progress."

Earlier in Gaza, Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat agreed to Hussein's proposal that Israel could prolong its three-stage withdrawal from West Bank rural windrawal from west bank rinal areas, narrowing the gap on the key sticking point in the talks, according to a PA official. Hussein put forward a compro-

mise proposal on a critical future IDF pullback from the West Bank in the middle of 1998. A pullback in mid-1998 would mark the midway point between Israeli and

Palestinian demands. If Netanyahu agrees to the proposal, a meeting with Arafat to sign the Hebron pullback agreement is expected today, said one official. In Tel Aviv, however, Netanyahu, Hussein, and US special envoy Dennis Ross were upbeat but concommittal late last night, saying some work remained. "I leave here confident that everything will move in the right direction ... a fresh beginning to continue the work to achieve the kind of peace and the kind of future we seek," Hussein told reporters after a 90-minute meeting with Netanyahu. We are closer than we were. said Ross, adding that he would now remain in the region, despite carlier plans to return to Washington. The proposal was formulated yesterday during Hussein's visit to Gaza, his first since 1967, for talks Palestinian Anthority with Chairman Yasser Arafat. The compromise proposal was worked out during seven hours of talks in Gaza and came amid phone calls to Netanyahu, US Secretary of State Warren Christopher, Ross, and Egyptian President Hosni Minbarak. It is expected to call for a third Israeli



statement on behalf of the Labor Party deriding Bar-On's abortive term of office as "further evidence of the ineptitude and negligence with which Netanyahu is running the country."

Knesset Law Committee chairman Shaul Yahalom praised Bar-On's decision, saying it reflected to his credit, and called on the cabinet to appoint a candidate of the highest professional stature. Meretz Party leader MK Yossi Sarid said Bar-On's resignation "proves that at least a few people had underestimated him." He called on Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi to resign as well.

Bar-On's decision was announced by a somber Hanegbi in the middle of Channel 2's evening news. Looking almost teary-eyed, Hanegbi related that Bar-On had just telephoned him and the prime minister to say he was withdrawing. According

assassination, which should occasion much soul-searching." Hancgbi said Netanyaho fully agrees that Bar-On was

a cynical political character

victimized by "a vicious, organized, and well-orchestrated blitz against him for no fault of his own, other than the stain of his association with the Likud."

It cannot be, Hanegbi contin-ued, "that Israeli society would deny a man like Bar-On the opportunity to function even for one day and prove by even one decision that he is worthy of the appointment; and this only because he is a party member and because of his dreadful original sin of being affiliated with the Likud and

Betar. "I wish the High Court, despite Bar-On's decision, would hand down its decision on whether tens of thousands of party members in our country are disqualified from public (Continued on Page 4)

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu greets Jordan's King Hussein last night in Tel Aviv.

the region.

in Gaza, Jordanian officials told

the Prime Minister's Office in the

pullback from the West Bank sometime between March 1998 and the end of 1998.

a meeting with Netanyahu. There An official in the Prime was a flurry of phone calls yester-Minister's Office saluted Hussein. day among Gaza, Jerusalem, "One has to admire the king, who Washington, and Cairo. The Tel is willing to risk his prestige by trying to reach an agreement, just he did by attending the Washington summit" several

months ago, he said. troversy was the questioo of According to the Prime Minister's Office, Jordanian offiwhether the two sides could find cials notified Jerusalem Saturday night that the king would visit Gaza the following day, and if successful in his peacemaking, he to cooclude by September as would be amenable to meeting called for in the Oslo 2 accords. Netanyahu later in the day. Netanyahu's proposal was for a

Hussein and Netanyahu spoke third pullback by the end of the yesterday morning, and after he obtained a compromise proposal

spring of 1999, so it would overlap with the deadline for resolving final status issues.

afternoon that there was a basis for For Arafat, a Jordan-brokered agreement would underline the commitment of Hussein to the Israel-PLO Oslo accords, which be did not like when they were Aviv meeting last night caused Ross to cancel his plans to leave first announced. It would emphasize that the Hebron agreement was a multilateral affair rather At the heart of yesterday's conthan a bilateral agreement.

For Netanyahu, a Hussein-brokered agreement would help to common ground on the issue of future IDF pullbacks from the restore his initial warm relations with the monarch, which turned West Bank beyond a Hebron deal. frosty after the Western Wall Arafat has wanted all pullbacks Tunnel crisis.

The US put forward a compromise proposal last week calling for the pullbacks by some point in 1998, but deliberately avoided interim period, ending in the

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giving an exact month. Sources say that during a meeting in Paris between Labor Party leader Shimon Peres in Paris over the weekend, Arafat notified him that he was willing to compromise on having the third pullback occur by March 1998.

Arafat told visitors last week that he interprets the Oslo 2 agreement as giving bim no less than 80 percent of the West Bank before the final status talks begin. Netanyahu has yet to put forward the government's interpretation. According to Oslo 2, by the end of the three pullbacks, Israel would redeploy in settlements and "specified military locations."

Early yesterday, the US Embassy announced that Ross (Continued on Page 9)

Regional council says IDF dodges Katyushas... and city taxes

BY ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

The regional council of Asher in the northwest corner of the country is demanding the IDF positions guarding the residents along the border with Lebanon pay rates (amona) for taking up its land.

Paying municipal rates to the city of Tel Aviv and other cities in central area is one thing, since the IDF bases there take up large tracts of valuable land and the cities often extend their services to the army in the form of garbage pickup, and so on. But demanding that the army pay rates for isclated, mountain-top positions along the Lebanon border has

some generals hopping mad 'It's a Kafkaesque situation. We are protecting them and they want us to pay," said one senior officer. "It's

unheard of." Another senior officer accused the civilian leadership in the north of immorally trying to milk the army

out of money. "It's incredible," said the officer, who spoke on condition of anonymity. They hear we are paying amona (rates) in the center of the country and now they want us to pay for the

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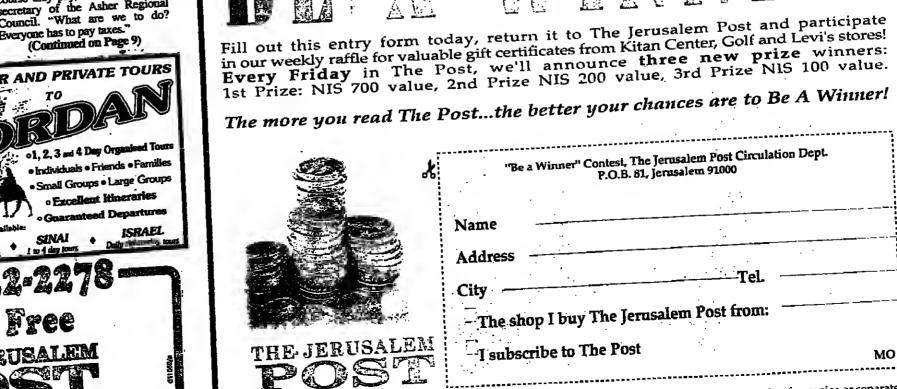
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positions on the Purple Line," he said, using the army nickname for the Lebanon border. But local council heads see it dif-Everyone has to pay taxes."

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Thousands pray for rain

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Thousands of people prayed for rain at a commemoration in Netivot in honor of the 13th anniversary of the Baba Sali's death. The ceremony took place at the Baba Sali's gravesite. Nearby, the followers of the North African rabbi planted the first date tree that will be part of a 55 million Jewish National Fund Itin park.

SLA releases 8 prisoners

The South Lebanese Army milina freed eight detainees as a humanitarian gesture for Ramadan. SLA command announced vesterday.

The prisoners were freed starting Saturday from the Khiam detention center inside the security zone in southern Lebanon. Ramadan, the month of fasting, began Friday. More than 100 prisoners are believed to be held in Khiam prison, which is 5 kilometers north of the Istaeli border. AP

New Health Ministry chief scientist named

Health Minister Yehoshua Matza yesterday appointed Prof. Bracha Rager as ministry chief scientist, replacing Prof. Michael Silberman, who ended his tenure on December 31, Rager, an immunologist, lectures and conducts research at Ben-Gurion University. She studied microbiology at Tel Aviv University and received her doctorate from the University of London. She has been a member of the board of directors of Teva Pharmaceuticals. Judy Siegel

High Court to hear Olmert suspension petition

A special panel of five justices will consider a petition to the High Court of Justice demanding that Ehud Olmert be forced to step down from his position as Jerusalem mayor, since he is under indictment in the Likud's fictitious receipts affair. The petition, filed by the Amitai organization, asked the court to set a precedent regarding the service of mayors charged with offenses that amount to a public disgrace. It is unimaginable that a person charged with such a serious crime should serve in a sensitive public position like the Jerusalem mayoralty, the petition said. /n'm

Teenage girl saved in Judean Desert

Holon high school pupil Shirli Hezki, 16, was rescued yesterday after she slipped and fell while hiking on a cliff above Nahal Mashash in the Judean Desert, Classmates accompanying her ran for help and alerted officials at the Metzukei Dragot Field School, who summoned the Ein Gedi Regional Rescue Team. Rescuers rappelled into the wadi and took her to Jerusalem's Hadassah-University Hospital, where she was reported in satisfactory condition.

Espionage suspect admits KGB ties

Analoly Gendler, 47, the electrical engineer from Herzliya accused of spying for Russia, told Tel Aviv District Court yester-day he had maintained contacts with the KGB and the Russian government, but denied these were as serious as the prosecution claims. He also denied uving to harm the security of the state. Gendler claimed he had no choice but to spy for Russia for 10 years after immigrating here with his family in 1981, since his parents and those of his wife remained in Russia as virtual hostages. Itim

Mordechai says he can't assure safety of Hebron Jews

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

The emerging agreement on Hebron cannot provide absolute safety for the Jewish residents there, Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai said yesterday. "If someone thinks that there is a

safe solution in Hebron, they are, in my opinion, either mistaken or misled. There is nothing absolute in Hebron. In the same city where a

group of Jews lives among a Palestinian population, who live right next to each other, house touching house, where they travel the same roads, move in the same places, there is no technical way to make a separation and certainly not give total security," Mordechai told

a gathering at the Israel Press Club in Tel Aviv. "The best way I see for living in Hebron is for both sides ... to come

to a situation where they know how to coexist, with mutual respect," Mordechai said. "Anything else will bring about friction and conflict and bloodshed and can be very danger-OUS.

"Hebron is part of a process that was agreed upon and we have to progress in order to reduce the friction and conflict as much as possi-" be added.

Mordechai also said that the civil-

ian and military details of the Hebron deal were wrapped up and written down during a 10-hour meeting last Wednesday at the home of US Ambassador Martin Indyk.

Maybe we, the government, myself, believe that we could have achieved a different, a better agreement. But there is maneuverability within this agreement," Mordechai

Mordechai explained that the

agreement allows for Jews to reach the Cave of Machpela freely and for Jewish residents of Hebron to move about in relative security. He also

said it maintains civilian rights for Jewish residents of the city. It also calls for a buffer zone between Israeli and Palestinian forces to avoid "misunderstandings and threats, be they real or perceived, which would bring about a total flare up."

IN THE NEWS Author: Roni Bar-On is a heavy gambler

By MICHAL YUDELMAN

Before Roni Bar-On's surprise announcement last night that he was withdrawing his candidacy for the coveted post of attorneygeneral, the media spent the day delving into his personal life and interviewing anybody who had anything to say about him. Most of it was far from complimentary, Bar-On is a heavy gamhler and a regular visitor of casinos abroad, author Irit Linor said on Shelly Yehimovitz's Israel Radio talk show, It's All Talk.

Linor said she met "a pleasant group of Israeli men, most of them attomeys from Jerusalem" in London last year, who had come for a comhined visit of "shopping in the morning, the-ater in the afternoon and gambling at night." She added that this was a group of old friends, who travel regularly abroad with-ont their wives." The group leader was Bar-On, "whom I must note I didn't see at the theater, but at the casino he most certainly was."

Linor, who admitted "I had never been to a casino," accepted their invitation to accompany. them to the Ritz casino, where

she saw Bar-On in action. Bar-On and one other lawyer were the two heavy gamhlers in the group and "they even boasted of the large sums they bet on every evening, talking about thousands of dollars a night. They were in the casino the previous night as well, and intended to come the next evening too. Since I was guite bored, I sat and talked to the casino manager. He told me that these are regular customers." Two other members of the group were Bar-On's office manager Rami Koc and Attorney Yoel Shabtai.

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Chairman of the Knesset's Constitution Committee, MK Shaul Yahalom, of the National Religious Party, said, "The prime minister and justice minister should have understood that the attorney-general must be a man of special qualities, at the pinnacle of professional performance and immaculate in his public and private conduct. Gambling in a casino is not in keeping with a semor office in the civit service. For me it's enough that Finance Minister Dan Meridor, who was formerly a justice minister and who knows Bar-On, said the man is not suitable."

Justice Ministry workers put away the spread that had been set up to celebrate Roni Bar-On's first day as attorney-general yesterday following the High Court's decision to delay the appointment. (Brian Hendler)

Herzog to head state jubilee council

Former president Chaim Herzog yesterday agreed in principle to head the public council that will supervise events marking the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the state. Maj.-Gen. (res.) Yossi Peled is to head the non-profit association that will be responsible for organizing the events. Itim

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Eitan dismisses talk of abandoning **Jordan Valley settlements**

Agriculture Minister Rafael Eitan yesterday attacked a recent coalition-opposition understanding regarding the Jordan Valley as contravening govern ment policy and said it should be ignored.

Speaking on a visit to the valley yesterday morning, Eitan said the understandings reached between coalition chairman MK Michael Eitan and Labor MK Yossi Beilin "do not coincide with government policy, and if anyone is conducting such talks you should not pay him any attention."

Eitan told farmers and settlement leaders that he is committed to developing the region and that his ministry would give priority to research and development, land cultivation, and bringing new settlers to live there.

The minister made his comments while addressing the dedication ceremony of the Ya'acohi Experimental Farm, named in memory of researcher Zvi Ya'acohi. His remarks followed a discussion of

the Michael Eitan-Yossi Beilin understandings in Friday's cabinet meeting.

Eitan told the audience that the cahinet had expressed clear reservations regarding the understandings. He insisted the importance of the Jordan Valley had not diminished in the eyes of the government

Last Thursday, the Jordan Valley settlements were in an uproar over reports that the understandings made no mention of their remaining under Israeli sovereignty in a final settlement with the Palestinians.

The Eitan-Beilin document put forward two scenar-ios: under one, the valley would be designated a security zone; in the other, there would be an IDF defense, zone in which a division would be stationed along the length of the Jordanian border. Neither case mentions retaining Israeli sovereignty over the settlements. (Itim)

Mordechai tells Callahan: Don't cut military aid

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

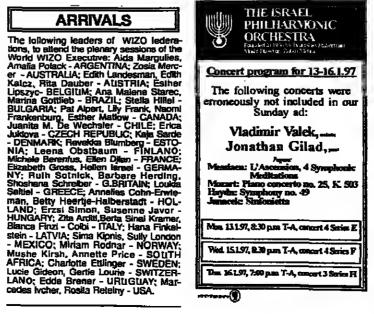
Visiting US Congressman Sonny Callahan, the chairman of the subcommittee on foreign aid who backs slashing foreign assistance, heard from Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai yesterday about the threats facing Israel. Meeting in his Tel Aviv office yesterday. Mordechai spent two hours telling Callahan, a Republican from Alabama, that Israel appreciates and needs the \$1.8 billion annual military aid it receives from the United States. According to Defense Ministry sources. Mordechai briefed Callahan on the arms build-up among the Arab states in the Middle East and warned the congressman of the intensive efforts by

Iran to achieve nuclear capability. "We appreciate the support they give us and the decision of the (American) administration to give us qualitative, technical priority for advanced weapons to the IDF so that the State of Israel can feel that it is capable of ensuring its security and look toward the future," Mordechai said after the meeting. "I think they contribute significantly and we will understandably do our utmost to deal with the threats," Mordechai said,

Mordechai expects to travel to strongly opposes cutting back on the the United States in April to meet military aid at any time in the forewith his American counterpart Bill seeable future, defense sources said. Cohen, who takes over this month Callahan, who is leading an from outgoing Secretary of eight-member Congressional dele-Defense William Perry. While Prime Minister Binyamin gation on a Middle East sweep that will include Egypt, Jordan and

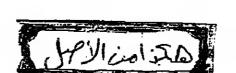
Netanyahu has said he wants to wean Israel off the \$1.2 billion in annual US civilian aid, Mordechai

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MK Eli Goldschmidt mans the controls of a diesel engine yesterday, as (from left) MKs Nissim Dahan, Rafi Ehl, and Ports and Railways Anthority Director-General Shoresh Lerer look on.

All aboard for Knesset committee

By SYBIL EHRLICH

Knesset Ecooomics The Committee yesterday got a glimpse of what the Ports and Railways Authority hopes will be a glorious future.

The committee, chaired by MK Eli Goldschmidt (Labor), set out on a two-day tour of the Negev starting with a guided tour of the Hashalom station in Tel Aviv. Authority director-general Shoresh Lehrer explained that the station is part of a suburban network that will eventually include four or five sta-

tions in Tel Aviv. The Knesset members traveled by regular train to Rebowar, where they were met by a bos for the next leg of their journey. During the bus trip, a video presentation

hotels, which they see as more

profitable. The committee's tour continued by bus to Har Tzin, the southern outpost of Israel Railways, on a line used only for transporting minerals. The railway works in cooperation with the Rotem-Company, which has mined phosphates in the area since 1952.

The site could easily accommodate a waste-disposal facility for the whole Tel Aviv area. Two trains a day - the equivalent of 40 road trucks - would be sufficient to transport all Tel Aviv's waste

material The Dudaim and Hiriya dumps are to be closed in the near future, and the Har Tzin landfill site is the only spot in the country to which there is no environmental objection by local residents.

Ruling against IDF sets gay rights precedent

By ESTHER HECHT

Soldiers, policemen, teachers and other members of the public sector stand to benefit from Friday's precedent-setting ruling in the case of Adir Steiner vs. the IDF.

The Tel Aviv District Court, sitting as an appeals committee, ruled the IDF must recognize Steiner as an IDF widower and grant him all benefits to which such widowers are enotled. Steiner's claim derived from his sevenyear relationship with Col. Doron Maisel, who died of cancer in 1991 at age 46.

This precedent is eveo more far-reaching than ruling in the Yonatan Danilovitz case, according to Tel Aviv attorney Amnon Ben-Dror, who represented Steiner. The earlier case, in which El Al was ordered to grant the right to a free plane ticket to a same-sex partner, involved a private contract between a company and an individual. But Steiner's case involves the IDF, which must now provide a fiscal pension, paid by the Treasury, and so has implications for the entire public sector, Ben-Dror

For Steiner, however, the real victory has to do with the nonmonetary benefits. "One of

them is the right to be invited to memorial ceremonies. Another is to be allowed to write an entry in memory of Doron in Sefer Yizkor [the IDF's series of memorial volumes]," he said. Immediately after he received the ruling, Steiner phoned his mother to tell her the good news. Then he phoned Maisel's three daughters, who, he said, had supported him throughout the three-and-a-half year legal battle. And he tried to phone MK Yael Dayan, whom he referred to as "the mother of all homosexuals

and lesbians in Israel." Although some laws pertaining to survivors' pensioos refer specifically to "husband" or "wife," others, as in the case of the IDF, refer

to "partner." Steiner, 30, said that from the age of 18 he was Maisel's "parmer" or "commoo-law

Ben-Dror argued that the law does not say spouse. common-law spouses cannot be of the same sex and that the IDF's posicion constituted discrimination and a violation of the principle of equality.

The committee's reasoned decisioo stated that if the appellant were a woman, all the benefits would have been granted.

According to Steiner, three elements of his relacionship with Maisel were relevant to the court's recognition of his status as a commonlaw spouse: shared finances, a shared home and public recognition of their relationship. The fact that he and Maisel had a monogamous relationship helped, too, though the sexual elemeot was not the issue.

"The courts no longer get into a person's underpants," Steiner said. "Even a man and woman doo't bave to prove they had sexual relations to establish their status as commonlaw spouses.

A contract between partners is also helpful in establishing a survivor's entitlement to benefits, Ben-Dror said, and he stroogly advises same-sex couples to draw up such contracts.

Steiner, who works for a PR firm, was shartered by Maisel's death and was moved to take action only a year-and-a-half later, following the Danilovitz ruling. Since then, his life has changed radically, be said. "I've gone from being a person with no awareness of civil rights and uninvolved in anything to being involved in my own struggle, the struggle of homosexuals and lesbians in Israel, and the struggle of gay people around the world."

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showed future plans - an overvie of the development of the ports of Haifa, Ashdod and Eilat, as well as the projected expansion of the railway network.

Pinhas Beo-Shaul, head of planning for the authority, presented the railways' master plan for the next 25 years and for the more immediate proposals.

A serious problem is the difficulty of constructing lines where land has not been allocated for that purpose. Local authorities generally prefer businesses and

The Economics Committee then continued along the line of the future railway to Eilat from Har Tzin into the Arava.

It will be difficult to take the line into the town itself. The best solution, from an ecological, ecooomic and geological point of view. officials said, is to build a terminus 7 kilometers north of Eilat. Freight would then be transported on a hypass road to the west of the town and into the port.

Government approves ovarian cancer drug

By JUDY SIEGEL

The Health Ministry approved the drug Taxol for use against ovarian cancer. Until now, the drug - made from the Pacific yew tree - has been approved only for women with a recurring ovarian tumor or whose cancer has spread to the ovaries from other organs.

The drug, made by Bristol-Myers-Squibb – which invested over \$900 million in the medication - is the first anti-cancer agent in over 15 years to offer a significant increase in the shortterm survival rate of women with ovarian cancer. The survival rate two or three years after womeo take Taxol is significantly higher than those who did not take the drug, but does not make much of a difference five years after treatvear.

The European Union health authorities approved Taxol on the basis of US findings that the oasis of US manages that showed that combining Taxol and *cis platin*, a widely used chemotherapy drug, prolongs the survival time of patieots with advanced ovarian cancer by over 50%, compared to other treatments. The side effects include temporary loss of hair, joint pain and low white bloodcell counts.

"The results of Taxol studies certain make a significant contribution, in the short run, to ovarian cancer patients, said Dr. Uzi Beller, head of the surgical and oncological gynecology unit at Jerusalem's Shaare Zedek Hospital, which introduced Taxol

in this country in 1992. In Israel, 350 new cases of ovarian cancer are discovered each

IMA slams plans to dismiss 500 immigrant doctors



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The Israel Medical Association yesterday declared a work dispute to protest Finance Ministry plans to dismiss 500 immigrant doctors due to Health Ministry budget

The IMA yesterday sent an urgent letter to Knesset Aliya and Absorption Committee chairman MK Naomi Blameothal and a telegram to Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, who was asked to intervene and ensure that the dismissals are not carried

IMA chairman Dr. Yoram Blachar said that despite promises it received from Absorption Minister Yuli Edelstein on the

issue, the state budget approved by the Knesset does not include funding to ensure that the immigrant doctors can remain in their

"Unfortunately, this isn't the first time the Treasury has led us by the nose; there are no other words to describe the situation,"

"It's unthinkable that the Blachar said. Knesset committee would publicly receive official commitments and no one would stand behind

If the money is not found, them. Blachar said, the IMA will take organizational measures, includ-

ing a strike. No comment was available from the Finance Ministry.



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Bulgarian leader wants general election

Sy THALIA GRIFFITHS

SOFLA (Reuter) - Thousands of Bulgarians massed for a huge opposition rally yesterday and president-elect Petar Stovanov said round-table talks were impossible unless the government gave in to demands for a general elec-

Hundreds of cars flying blue opposition flags headed into Sofia from provincial towns for a rally on the seventh straight day of protests against the ex-communist ruling Socialists.

"The political atmosphere requires that the citizens' demand should be considered." Stoyanov. an opposition lawyer elected in November, said in a statement. "I am appealing to the ruling party and the opposition to sit at the table for talks. This is now possible only if the Bulgarian Socialist Party goes to the talks having already decided to hold early parliamentary elections."

The demonstrations in central Sofia parallel long-running

while Serbians are campaigning for an end to one-party rule, Bulgarians are protesting over more fundamental problems of poverty and crime.

Under Bulgaria's post-communist constitution, the president is a largely ceremonial figure but both Sloyanov and outgoing president Zhelyu Zhelev have taken firm anti-government stands in the crisīs

Zhelev declined to give the Socialists, who have a majority in parliament, a mandate to form a new government following the December 21 resignation of Prime Minister Zhan Videnov.

Thousands of demonstrators surrounded the Socialist party headquarters chanting, whistling and ringing bells. Protesters of all ages streamed into Sofia by car, bus and tram.

State radio said it was stepping up coverage and gave reports on the rally interspersed with Bulgarian songs whose lyrics called for courage and change.

Cars arriving from the protests in Belgrade. However, provinces were greeted by a

Gypsy orchestra and escorted by police to the rally site in front of gold-domed Alexander Nevsky cathedral. The opposition, backed by trade

unions and groups as diverse as the national Gypsies' union and the tiny rump Bulgarian Communist Party, has vowed to hold Belgrade-style daily protests until its demand for early elections is met

The Socialists yesterday responded to Zhelev's refusal to ask them to form a new government by ruling out elections.

Bulgaria's Holy Synod ordered masses for peace to be said in Orthodox churches throughout the country after 196 people were injured in clashes on Friday and Saturday. Police used clubs to break up a 10-hour siege of parliament, with what a government statement described as "minimal use of force".

"After the night of the long clubs, not only deputies, students and policemen are bleeding. Bulgaria is bleeding," said an edilorial in Troud daily.

Deadly derailment

Firemen carry the body of a passenger from the wreckage of the Milan to Rome express train, after it derailed near a station in Piacenza yesterday. At least eight people died when the high-speed train hurled off the track and crashed into electricity ovlons.

Mandela: ANC made mistakes

JOHANNESBURG (Reuter) - South African President Nelson Mandela admitted yesterday that his ruling African National Congress had made major mistakes in its nearly three years in power.

"We have of course made mistakes. Some of them very fundamental and serious," Mandela told several thousand people gathered to mark the 1912 founding of the ANC. South Africa's oldest political movenient

Among the errors he listed were a multi-million

rand musical intended to educate people about AIDS. which was scrapped as hugely wasteful, and a scandal which surrounded secret funds donated by businessmen to the party.

"The question is not so much whether one makes mislakes or not but rather whether ... we are prepared to admit our mistakes and above all, to learn from and quickly rectify weaknesses in our work," he told the crowds gathered at a stadium near Bloemfontein in the central Free State province.

Greek FM meets Milosevic BELGRADE (Reuter) - Greek upheld opposition victories in dis-

puted elections. Foreign Minister Theodoros Pangalos said yesterday after talks He spoke after meetings with with rivals in Serbia's political cristrongman Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic and leaders of sis that a solution was possible the opposition Zajedno (Together) based on an OSCE report that

movement, which has staged mass protests for eight straight weeks against the government's annul-

ment of the vote. The official news agency Tanjug said the Pangalos-Milosevic meeting was cordial but made clear the Serbian government resented growing international pressure to resolve the crisis, suggesting Pangalos' mission achieved little. Two senior ministers in Milosevic's Socialist (SPS) government tacitly conceded on Saturday that certain results in the Serbia-wide municipal elections were wrongly cancelled, saying the "genuine and final" outcome

must be respected. But Zajedno reacted to that statement with skepticism and vowed to press on with demonstrations for democratic reform, even after meeting Pangalos. Thousands of whistle-blowing

Belgrade again yesterday. Zajedno's victories in 14 of Serbia's 18 largest cities including the capital Belgrade and second largest city Nis were canceled by the

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SPS over alleged "irregularities". A subsequent inquiry by a delegation, led by former Spanish prime minister Felipe Gonzalez on behalf of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe declared the elections valid, ratcheting up pressure on the SPS to admit defeat.

Pangalos had talks with the reclusive Milosevic shortly after "arriving in Belgrade and then met Zoran" Djindjic, "Vuk" Draskovic and Vesna Pesic, Zajedno's leader-

ship troika. "From what we have discussed up to now, it seems that the Gonzalez report has to be applied totally, including the city council of Belgrade," Pangalos told



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protesters rallied in central reporters.

Yeltsin increases activity

MOSCOW (AP) — President Boris Yeltsin remained in stable condi-tion yesterday and has begun working on papers while recovering from pneumonia, the presidential press service said.

Doctors who examined the president yesterday said his temperature, blood pressure and pulse were all normal and that the course of treatment with antibiotics would continue.

The press service said that Yeltsin "has considerably increased his activity" and has begun doing paperwork in his suite in Moscow's Central Clinical Hospital. The chief Kremlin doctor, Sergei Mironov, said in a television interview that Yeltsin had caught a cold over the holidays a week ago that turned into pneumonia in both lungs.

BAR-ON

(Continued from Page 1) office. If so, we would be penalizing all those who take a stand and follow their ideals, rather than just care about the latest car model or the color of their bathroom tiles at home."

Hanegbi argued that "there was nothing the matter with the way the appointment was presented to the cabinet. It was not unlike what has been done in the past. Perhaps in view of the increasing openness of our society, we should have informed the ministers better in advance, and this in any event is an oversight on my part alone."

The final impetus to Bar-On's decision, according to one source, was not the carping comments about his professional record, but the gossip and rumor-mongering which came into play yesterday. This culminated with a report of Bar-On's visit to a London casino and allegation be is a big-time gambler (See report, Page 2). Hot on the heels of that came

another report that he was a senior lecturer eight years ago for the I Am group, which some contend is a semi-cult. According to the source, Bar-On felt that his private life was being maliciously invaded by those determined to attack the government through

Earlier in the day, the High Court delayed Bar-On's taking up his new job pending the outcome of the petition against his appoint-

Justices Theodor Or, Yitzchak Zamir, and Mishael Cheshin were bearing a petition by MK Ophir Pines (Labor) to disqualify the appointment, on the grounds the cabinet had received information about Bar-On' only at the last minute, and several ministers said they did not know enough to

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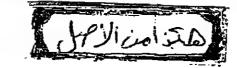
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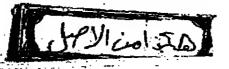
make an informed decision. The petition also said Bar-On should be disqualified because of his party affiliation - he was a member of the Likud Central Committee until he resigned Saturday night. In an affidavit submitted to the

court, Hanegbi argued that the appointment was perfectly legal. The law states only that the attorney-general must be appointed by the cabinet and that he must be qualified to be a Supreme Court justice - meaning at least 10 years' experience as a lawyer and both conditions were fulfilled in Bar-On's case, he said. There have also been cases in the past where the cabinet was given no prior notice before the vote, Hanegbi added.

Pines said afterwards that he was pleased with the court's decision. "This is essentially an interim injunction [against the appointment]," he said. "I'm aware that it isn't comfortable for the court to discuss the appointment of the attorney-general ... but this is the test of Israel democracy and the rule of law."







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ARTS&ENTERTAINMENT

MOVIE REVIEW

e Jerusalen

Stone sinks 'Diabolique' hits new depths

By ADINA HOFFMAN

Georges Clouzot's

1955 French thriller Diabotique goes upmen-

DIABOLIQUE

Directed by Jeremiah Chechik. Screenplay by Don Roos. Hebrey title; Nasbot Hasatan. 107 minutes. English dialogue, Hebrey , subtitles. Children under 17 not admitted without an adult.

With Sharon Stone, Isabelle djani, Chazz Palminteri and Kathy Bates

American remake, directed by by Don Roos. But perhaps this omission is for the better: the new

dismal on its own terms and comparisons to the original would only make it seem worse.

This time around, the action has been transplanted to a boy's scoool outside of Pittsburgh, where Chazz Palminteri is the sadistie headmaster, Isabelle Adjani his fragile, ex-oun of a wife, and Sbaron Stone his vampish mistress, perhaps the least convincing algebra teacher in the history of film. Tired of being abused and humiliated, the women conspire to drowo the bully in the bathmb. After they do so, they begin to sense that something isn't right. His body vanishes from where it was dumped, and other strange signs appear.

The plot is, at best, nonsensical. From the outset, we wonder at the weird alliance between betrayer and betrayed, and the filmmakers barely trouble themleremiah Chechik, from a script. selves to: make the women's motivations coherent, let alone compelling. Even the hints at a

version of the macabre classie is lesbian relationship have a perfunctory quality, as if Stone had demanded in her contract that this steamy possibility figure in the script. Adjani's ebaracter has obviously been battered by her busband, but why would Stone's femme fatale want, or need, to kill her lover? The answer implied by her stiletto-sharp manner is simply that she despises all men aod relishes the prospect of bumping off one especially unsympathetic speci-

The male-bating theme finds its extension io the character of a tough, one-breasted detecove played by Kathy Bates. When she shows up and begins to soiff around the school for elues of the missing principal it's not clear if she'd rather find bim dead or alive. She has her own agenda. (So, apparently, does Don Roos, who also wrote the script for that sorry women's picture Boys on the Side, in which the trio of loveable female leads had a great time bashing out the brains of an abu-

sive boyfriend. Roos seems to have found his niche as Hollywood's self-hating-guy-forhire.)

In the hands of a more enterprising director, all this coursing female hostility might have swept some new life into the dried-up genre setpieces that fill the movic. Chechik, though, has no discernable style of his own: he relies on the usual low-wattage photography and ominous orchestrations to create a threatening atmosphere, and encourages the stars to overact grotesquely. Stone, a natural ham, takes his direction to comicbook extremes, stomping and chainsmoking angrily to a range of leopardskin bras and silky black slips, and delivering her lines in a hard, hollow tone. Her performance is camp without the fun that usually implies.

Adjani does her sceoery-chewing bit, too, quivering and binng her lip throughout most of the picture, and even clutching her heart and gasping for breath prettily (it's oot the film's airless atmosphere: ber character has a heart condition). And as if her blubbering bearing wereo't bad coough, she's forced to wear ugly, shapeless dresses and a symbolic megacracifix around her neck. Next to Stone's glamorous bitch-goddess, this overgrown convent girl is a thankless part to play. But it's only fair: Diabolique is a thankless film to sit through.

Sharon Stone - an unlikely algebra teacher

two uncles, who lived with them, were musicians and "Dizzy Gillespie and Max Roach were my baby sitters. I owe my musical education to them."

He studied piano, didn't keep it up, but "wheo I find the time, I sit down and depress myself. I always knew the arts would be my metier and my parents supported me.

I'd involved been în drama at junior high, and Performing Arts. accepted me into the theater

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The dance revelation changed explains his major, and Louther went on from there to study at Juilliard and that New York University, getting his Bachelors degree from both. *Lester went with the

His first job was with May O'Donnell, a Graham protege. It was only later that he danced in Graham's company.

NEWS

of the muse

Barkai up the wrong tree

Three years ago, when he first tried his hand as a television talk show host, Razi Barkai was a miserable failure, and his show folded after only eight runs. Now he's getting a second chance. Next month, Barkai, who anchors Army Radio's What's Burning? will take over from Mieha Friedman as bost of Channel 2's Media File. Friedman mean while is to co-host, with Yardena Arazi, Channel 2's breakfast program twice a week, on Tuesdays and Fridays. The aggressive Barkai, whose intervie-



Razi Barkai (Uzi Keren) wees rarely get a chance to respond to his

be won't be instituting any immediate changes. Greer Fay Cashman

A new Webb site?

The Kirov could be the next stop for New Israeli Opera resideot conductor Jonathan Webb. He arranged all the vocal and orchestral preparationfor the eurreot NIO/Kirov co-production, Lady Macbeth from Misensk (Katerina Ismailova). When the Kirov's music director, Maestro Valery Gergiev, arrived to take over the final rehearsals, he was so delighted with the high muaical standard he found that he has invited Webb to conduct all performances from this Thursday instead of the scheduled Alexander Polianiehko.



Helen Kaye Jonathan Webb (Haramaty)

Poets' comer

Getting away from it all will be an option for poets who want a bit of sylvan peace and quiet. Following the success of last year's Poets Festival io Metulla - the first of its kind - the Metulla Regional Council and the Israeli Culture and Arts Council have combined to create studio space where Israeli poets can dally with the muse. Each poet or poetess can stay for two weeks and applications will be accepted twice a year. A three-person committee will choose the lucky incumbents, but the winoers may not be as lucky as they might first sup-pose. Each poet-in-residence will be required to conduct workshops with adults and youth and give lectures and poetry readings, leaving them little time to write. Helen Kaye

It takes a president's wife

US First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton received a Grammy nomination on Tuesday for the audio version of her best-selling book It Tokes o Village. Clinton will be up against several Hollywood celebrities in the spoken word or non-musical album category. Other nomioces in the category include Lauren Bacall, Martin Landau, Jack Lemmon and Gregory Peck for their Work on the Paul Werth book, Harry S. Truman: A Journey to Independence. The



winner will be announced on February 26

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t the first concert he ever A attended at New York's High School of the

And, he did it. In fact he did it so well that Louis Falco, the creator of Fame, modeled Leroy on his

old elassmate. During his more than 30 year career, Merce Cunningham among others.

truest sense of the word,

Performing Arts - the school where they shot Fame - new student Bill Louther saw contemporary dance for the first time "and" dance artists in the practically breaking my mother's arm, I told her "that's what I'm world? going to do'."

dancer/choreographer Louther (pronounced Luther), has rodanced builth Matthe Graham, Alvin Ailey, the was a founding - member). Jerome Robbins: and

says Mielnik. "He is a great teacher and one of the greatest

> Mielnik founded the Jerusalem Dance Theater, a dance company and umbrella group for all kinds of dance projects, in 1986. Tonight, IDT is having the first of its two galas at the Rebecca Crown auditorium in the Jerusalem Theater. The other is at Suzanne Dellal in Tel Aviv on Wednesday. Louther, who has entimetastically support-

of course. Louther and ballerina Galina Panov will premiere his newest beside

pany created by Hassia Levy-Agron. Beloved is taken from the true story of a minister who beat his new bride to death with the Bible, and who was found qui-

efly reading it with her battered body on the floor

From 'Fame' to fame

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The list of companies he'a created dances for sounds like the. Who's Who? of the dance world it includes the Royal and Culberg ballets to name just two. Through Graham, Louther became the founding artistic director of the London Contemporary

Dance Theater (LCDT) in the

work, a pas do deux called Beloved, based on a dance of the same name by Lester Horton. Another recent Louther work is Sacred Ground, the piece he made last summer for Springboard, the

Louther came to Israel for the first time to become artistic direcmid-sixties, and in 1972 tor of the Batsheva Dance

Company. When he came, "Batsheva was a roster of stars and I sort of beat it into a company." He stayed three years then, and "I guess I've been back almost every year since," he Savs.

When he comes now, he stays with dancer Tamara Mielnik, for whom he is both friend and mentor. In the summer be teaches a master class at the Jerusalem Rubin Academy "which is a mas-



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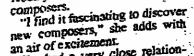
By MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

Hor her forthcoming Israeli debut with the Haifa Symphony Orchestra at the end of the week, Canadian violinist Chantal Joillet opted to play the Sbostakovich concerto, and for good reason.

From her Montreal abode, Juillet speaks with enthusiasm about her commitment to 20th century music. "I am very much interested in a repertoire [which is] less played [but] which is fantastic. And my recording compaoy. Decca, knows that this is what I want to record. I don't think the recording market needs another Brahms or Mendelssohn. Recording Shostakovieh at the end of the century is much more important."

Juillet has already recorded the concerti of Szymanowski, Stravinsky, Korngold, Gold-schmidt, Weill and Kerenk, some of which appeared on Decca's prestigious Entertere Musik project, which focusses on music banned by the Third Reich.

She has also recorded Ravel disc with Pascal Roge and her next recording will feature Hungarian music by Bartok, Kodaly and other less familiar composers.



She had a very close relationship with Goldschmidt who conducted her recording of his con-

eerto after sbe premiered the work in Montpellier. He also wrote his Rondeau for ber which she recorded under his baton.

"The concerto is not out yet. It will come on a Goldschmidt concerti disc which will also feature his cello concerto which has already been recorded by Yo Yo Ma and his elarioet concerto, which will be recorded by Sabine Mayer," she says.

The Shostakovich concerto is very special indeed, Juillet says. "It's a fantastic piece, a big, fairly long concerto which is also interesting for the orchestra.

"There is a lot of communication with the orchestra, and everybody enjoys playing this music. It's so lively, such incredible melodies, and above all is a big challenge for a violinist because of the length and the quite difficult cadenza before the last movement."

Juillet explains that "every movement is quite different. It's goite a classical work, not atonal, quite pleasing to the ear and the harmonies are never shocking. Its start is dark and somber yet still quite melodie.

"Then the secood movement is fast with a lot of rhythm and the third movement is a beautiful melody, the kind of music you want to sing.

"The cadenza, the most a-tonal part of the concerto, that's where it gets a little more modern to the car.

Chantal Juillet plays on a very

Bucking the trend By MICHAEL AJZENSTADT ona Brown should have been in Israel this week, but, unfortunately, the violinist/leader/conductor had to cancel ber series of concerts with the Israel Sinfonietta Beersheba. Consequently, we have to settle for her new recordings. Brown is the leader of one of the most impressive chamber music ensembles in the world, an ensemble that works against popular traditions and fashions. The Academy of St. Martin in the

brings Juillet Chantal Shostakovich to Haifa.

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special 1734 Stradivarins, loaned to her by a private American "who has a few instruments and loans them out. It's one of the last Stradivarius made and it's actually darker in soond than the usual strad_

"It's something I was always auracted to. It has the quality of a strad but it's darker, sometimes it borders the viola sound."

Chantal Juillet plays the Shostakovich first violin concerto with the HSO Saturday through Monday and next Wednesday.

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"You have to start with 'why do an initiation, "like these young dancers gettiog ready to be received into that sacred place called explained."

Louther, an only child, was born 55 years ago in Brooklyn, but grew up in Queeos. His father, a former Inkspot, still sings. His mother was an amateur actress. His

tion.

"Contemporary dance attacks all of the senses, all at once," he says. "It's instantly commonicative on a "The body never lies and so

every movement must have truth in it, or it becomes frivolous and

I want to make this dance'. It has to be real to my own senses. A work shouldn't have to be

Other works at the gala include the prize-wiooing And He Made Me Laugh created and performed by Mielnik, War and Peace by Valery Panov, Kongo Tango Palace by Tali Biti, and The Creation of the World, another premiere by Yaakov Lipschitz.

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Further fallout from OJ trial Marcia Clark, the lead prosecutor in the O.J. Simpsoo mur-

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der trial, is leaving the district attorney's office, and sources said she will host a television talk show. "She'll be profiling people," ooe source said.

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Clark, 43, who speet 14 years as a deputy district attorney, has been in professional limbo since the murder trial ended in October 1995 with Simpson's acquittal. LA Times

Hassidic rock on MTV

A video of a song by Los Angeles band Tish is set to be the first hassidie mosie on MTV, according to The Jewish Journol of Greoter Los Angeles. As Tish prepares to eut its first CD, founder Harry Jacobs (who worked in music and TV in Israel for some years) says "People are getting to appreciate the world-beat quality of bassidie dance."

Indeed the band's hassidie rock seems to be popular in Jewish eircles in Los Angeles, and in March Tish is due to perform a musical with hassidic stories between songs.

According to Jacobs, Congregation Beth Jacob Rabbi Avner Weiss bas okayed the band's inclusion of female singers "as long as they only sing backup." For haredi audiences, the band dispenses with these vocalists altogether.

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Another failed appointment

T was Meretz leader Yossi Sarid who said over the weekend that the only way Roni Bar-On could prove himself worthy of assuming the office of attorney-general would be by withdrawing from the post. While Sarid may have been talking tongue-in-cheek. Bar-On took seriously the reactions to the news of his appointment. His decision to resign last night was as prescient as it was prudent.

Bar-On said his resignation followed the personal attacks that came hard on the heels of his appointment - the radio vesterday was awash with allegations that Bar-On was a heavy gambler and that he was closely associated with a self-fulfillment cult, I Am, which was active in Israel a number of years ago. But these criticisms, while unpleasant for Bar-On personally, were essentially the least important of the charges raised against his appointment. As long as gambling overseas and personal exploration exercises are legal, there is nothing in these accusations to necessarily make him unfit for the post of attorney-general.

More serious were the criticisms concerning Bar-On's lack of legal stature, his overt political affiliation, and the fact that even within the cabinet, there was a clear lack of support for his appointment. As ministers Dan Meridor and Ze ev Begin pointed out during Friday's cabinet meeting, an attorney-general cannot be a political lackey; the sensitivity of the post demands it be filled by a person of the highest legal caliber.

Bar-On, it is clear, fails to meet this criterion. While he may be a successful criminal lawyer. with some experience in the Jerusalem District Attorney's Office and the State Attorney's Office, and a member of the Bar Association's executive committee, his legal reputation among his peers is not one which commands the respect an attorney-general needs. It is worrisome that Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi was not sufficiently cognizant of this fact.

Indeed, the whole sorry episode surrounding Bar-On's appointment raises a number of worrying aspects of Prime Minister Binyamia. Netanyahu's premiership, the most important being his seeming inability to learn from previous errors of judgment.

Netanyahu's seven months in power have been marked by a number of disastrous appointments, which have severely hampered the govemment's smooth running. His initial appointment of Pinhas Fishler, someone he knew barely, if at all, as his bureau chief quickly turned into a major embarrassment once details of the criminal complaints filed against Fishler became public knowledge. At the same time, and against the advice of then-attomey-general Michael Ben-Yair, Netanyahu pressed ahead with the appointment of Ya'acov Ne'eman as justice minister. Once again, this appointment

ended in an embarrassing resignation after Ben-Yair announced he was ordering an investigation into whether Ne'eman had interfered with the police investigation against MK Aryeb Deri. The appointment of Yisrael Hanokoglo as the premier's scientific adviser, while not actively damaging the government in any material way, caused waves of derision within the country's scientific community.

Given this list of unfortunate appointments, one would have hoped that Netanyahu would have listened to the wise counsel of some of the ministers thought to be close to him. Even if he was not prepared to listen to Meridor and Begin's arguments at Friday's cabinet meeting, where Bar-On's appointment was sprung on the ministers almost as an afterthought, it is a pity Netanyahu spurned the proposal by Communications Minister Limor Livnat and Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky, among others, to postpone the vote for another week.

Unfortunately, Netanyahu's impetuosity, which has been the overriding characteristic of his political career - from his public admission of adultery, to supporting an Arab Knesset faction's niotion of no-confidence in the Labor government over land expropriation in Jerusalem, to the opening of the exit of the Western Wall Tunnel - again got the better of him and he demanded an immediate vote. Once again. Netanyahu learned to his cost that speed is not always of the essence.

The prime minister and his justice minister are now arguing that the protests against Bar-On's appointment were inspired by political motives and that the wall-to-wall condemnation of their choice of anomey-general resembled nothing less than a witch-hunt. While the saying "even paranoids have real enemies" is particularly apposite for politicians, Netanyahu and Hanegbi have to understand that, in this case, the choice of Roni Bar-On as attorney-general was simply a non-starter.

Were Bar-On to have the legal stature of, say, Meir Shamgar, a former attorney-general linked to the national camp, then bis appointment as attorney-general would have gone unremarked. But once even Likud government ministers denounce the appointment on the grounds that the nominee is nothing more and nothing less than a political hack with a successful legal practice, then Netanyahu and Hanegbi should have paused for thought. The embarrassment of postponing a cabinet decision hardly matches the embarrassment of yet another key appointment that bas fallen through. In the early months of his tenure, teething problems were to be expected in a government headed by an inexperienced prime minister. By now, the country both expects and deserves better from its premier.

Much more

SUSAN HATTIS ROLEF

F it transpires that those who placed the charge came from the territory of the [Palestinian] Authority, we shall react very harshly."

This was the premier's first pub-lic reaction to last Thursday's terror attack in Tel Aviv.

I may be biased, but to me it sounded like a sigh of relief, like saying, "Thank God, I might finally have an excuse for not signing the Hebron agreement - or at least for delaying further progress in

Equality should be Israel's theme with the Palestinians

the Israeli-Palestinian settlement. As far as we know, those who placed the two primitive charges in two waste bins near the old central bus station could have come from anywhere.

I, for one, would be far more worried if it transpired that the terrorist(s) came from territories under full Israeli control, or from Israel proper.

Why. after all, should Israel "react very barshly" if he/they came from the territories? Suppose that after Israeli soldier

Noam Friedman shot Arabs in Hebron two weeks ago Chairman Arafat had stated: "If it transpires that the man who started shooting in Hebron came from the sovereign territory of Israel, we shall react very harshly"?

Not only did Friedman come from Israel, he came dressed in

military uniform and toting a gun, both formally issued him by the IDF, which should never have mobilized him in the first place. Yes, we all know about Friedman's mental condition. But we should never forget that had the population of Israel been forced to live under the conditions endured by most Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip over the last 49 years, there would be thousands of Freidmans.

OF COURSE it is vital that our security forces find out who carried out last week's terrorist act, where they came from, and who sent them.

But how's this for a basic premise: The more people on both sides who accept that the only way we can all live securely in this region is as equals, side-by-side with each other, each nation in its own state, the smaller the number of potential terrorists on both sides will be.

Fortunately, in the last decade, a majority on both sides seems to have accepted this.

But the number on the other side who accept the principle of coexistence won't increase if, every time a bomb goes off, we react by collectively punishing the whole Palestinian population.

There will always be some Palestinians - and Israelis - who refuse to accept compromise and coexistence, and both sides will always have their Noam Friedmans, willing to ape the ideological fanatics.

While we mustn't sit back and

accept the inevitability of terrorist for the underlying causes. attacks, we should not forget that After seven months in the Prime being tougher than we already are Minister's Office Netanyahu must have learned that he can get much more ont of Arafat by dealing with the Palestinians as equal negotiating partners than by making irrel-

revenge, but do like those who are

with the PA and its population isn't going to do away with the Traffic accidents claim close to 600 lives here annually. In comevant macho noises. bating terror we must not seek

fighting the accident rate and look . The writer is a political scientist.

Grapes of Wrath revisited THE pace of Hizbullab attacks and IDF retaliation

in south Lebanon is quickening again, and the impact of last year's Operation Grapes of Wrath in Lebanon is still being hotly debated.

Some military officials and analysts argue that the massive IDF effort that followed the attacks on Israeli civilians and soldiers strengthened Hizbullah. Others point to the Israeli campaign. including the attacks in Beirut, as an effective deterrent against another major round of conflict.

In considering options for a response to the current situation, the case for both these views should be studied.

Those who argue that Shimon Peres's pre-elect on military cam-

GERALD M. STEINBERG

ago signified the increasing coopclude that in another round, without the political limits dictated by eration between the fundamentalelections, the Netanyahu governist regime in Teheran and that of ment would maintain pressure longer and pursue the Hizbullah Syrian President Assad. These deliveries have enabled Hizbullah to replenish its stock-

forces with even greater intensity. piles and build new underground In Grapes of Wrath the politistorage sites, allowing it to withcians and investors in Beirut were stand Israeli air attacks. In addireminded of the cost of allowing fundamentalist terrorists to opertion, newer and more powerful anti-tank weapons and rocket ate freely.

Hizbullah may have increased its capabilities in south Lebanon, but it is more vulnerable than it was last year

business again," but further IDF raids would have a more powerful impact than any PR could.

Investors would lose hundreds of millions of dollars. Lebanon's efforts to get taken off the US government's list of dangerous locations (US passport holders are still not allowed to enter the country without a special waiver) would be halted.

Hundreds of thousands of Syrian workers employed in reconstruction, projects would suddenly be out of work, becoming a liability for the government in Damascus. The level of tension between Beirut and Damascus would climb.

Both the Lebanese and Syrian leaderships have a strong interest preventing renewed fighting



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sir. – Before discussing whether our government should continue with the Oslo Accords, 1 would like to quote from the London Times of December 15, 1938: The war-mongers [Churchill and his supporters] - those who would make war against another country without having counted the cost ought to be impeached and either shot or hanged... There has never been a prime minister in the histo-

Sir, - The op-ed article by Mrs. Esther Waxman, "Too much in return for nothing" (December 13), is an eloquent and articulate rebuke to the many supposedly intelligent Israelis now "paying court" to Arafat.

The duplicitous Arafat is an unregenerate terrorist who has made the

Sir. - What kind of people are we Jews? We savage our democratically elected prime minister before he can even get on his feet. Then be bleeds a little and all of the Israeli sharks swarm in for the kill, followed gleefully by the Arab and European sharks and finally the US. We expect double standards from the foreign press, but from our own?

We expect antisemitism and anti-Israel posturing from France

Sir. - I was surprised to learn from Evelyn Gordon's report (December 261 that the attorneygeneral sees no reason to prosecute Professor Moshe Zimmermann for his offensive remark that the (Jewish) children of Hebron are exactly like Hitler Youth."

Last October, Professor Zimmermann published a book in Germany entitled Wende in Israel ("The change in Israel"), in which he comments on changes in Israeli society which found their ultimate expression in the Likud's election victory in May 1996.

On page 28, he argues that "the military victory of the IDF (in the Six Day War) and the conquest of those parts of Palestine which have biblical connotations (like Jerusalem. Hebron, Nablus and

PEACE AT ANY COST Authority after over 300 murders ry of England who has in nine months achieved such agreements is surely one of war rather than as those Mr. Chamberlain has peace and as such, since we must made with Czechoslovakia, Italy at least try and learn from history, and with Hitler at Munich." it is time all our leaders stop bluffing and call for an end to the Our "peace" agreement with Egypt is probably one of the coldridiculous situation; peace at any est peace treaties in the world and cost will only cost a lot and bring not much better than our current no peace.

agreement with Syria, i.e., one of no war rather than peace. The agreement with the Palestinian Ra'anana.

RAY OF SANITY

tactical (and, amazingly, successful) politicians. Shouldn't those Israelis decision that his goals and objectives and world leaders be a bit mortified can be attained more expeditiously at being easily duped? and easily if he projects a persona of Mrs. Waxman is a ray of sanity conciliation and moderation. And he and reason in a dark and dangerous must be both surprised and delighted world. at the credulity and naivete manifested by Israeli and Western media and Brooklyn, N.Y.

TEARING OURSELVES APART

or England, prodded by the Palestinians. But from our Labor Party?

We expect Arafat to squeeze As a Democrat, I despair that we Netanyahu every chance he gets, can so easily tear ourselves apart to insult and throw temper with no thought of how difficult it tantrums when he doesn't get his is to put us back together. What kind of people have we way. But from our own Labor leadership, starting with Peres, become? And do we see where this is leading us? and now from our own Histadrut? As an American Jew and part-

JAY GAINES time resident here, I am astounded Netanya, and Stamford, Conn.

at the viciousness prevalent in

both the Israeli political sector and

the among the man in the street.

E. HIRSHFELD

FAY DICKER

PREPOSTEROUS IDEAS

teaches history at the Hebrew

University of Jerusalem but also

works on the curriculum for the

their supporters.

many others) created a new relaschools. His publishing the book uonship between official ideology and the land." "There arose," he not so very long after the original controversy seems to prove that, continues, "an Israeli Blut and contrary to Mr. Ben-Yair's Boden (blood and soil1 ideology assumption, adverse reaction at which adopted the concept of the nme did not prevent him from 'blood sacrifice' for winning back repeating the offense and can the holy sites." therefore not be regarded as "suf-

Blut and Boden was one of the ficient response." basic tenets of Nazi racism and the No one means to deny analogy is as repugnant as it is deeply offensive not only for Professor Zimmermann his democratic right of freedom of those with painful memories of expression, but it is hardly a the Nazi regime, but also for resilicense to offend large sections of dents of Judea and Samaria and the public, and what guarantee is there that he does not use his According to the book. Professor Zimmermann not only position to implant his preposterous ideas into the minds of unsus-

R. WILLERS teaching of history at Israeli Wembley Park, Middx.

pecting young Israelis?

paign did more damage than good (and did not prevent his defeat in May) point to the increased strength of Hizbullah and its allies in south Lebanon.

The Iranian-supported and trained fundamentalists reportedly now control at least 90 percent of the south Lebanese population, leaving only a very small wedge of villages aligned with Israel. Hundreds of local residents provide information used in preparing attacks.

This wider support network has enabled Hizbullah to increase its intelligence capabilities regarding the movements and operations of IDF forces in the region. The terrorists are also able to move more freely, mounting effective attacks and causing greater Israeli losses. Iranian deliveries of weapons to Hizbullah forces in Lebanon have also increased, with reports of largescale shipments of anti-tank missiles and longer-range Katyushas via Damascus and Cyprus.

The Iranian foreign minister's visit to Damascus a few weeks

launchers have enhanced Hizbullah's military options.

Yet these developments provide an incomplete and potentially misleading picture.

LAST YEAR'S Operation Grapes of Wrath did burt Hizbullah significantly, exposing its vulnerabilitics.

The operation ended suddenly after the IDF mistakenly shelled a UN camp where hundreds of civilians bad sought refuge. Hizbullah terrorists bad used the outskirts of the camp to fire rockets into Israel, drawing a massive artillery response.

This tragedy, and Peres's planned trip to Washington designed to bolster his election campaign, ended the IDF attacks prematurely.

At the time, the IDF succeeded in finding and destroying a number of terrorist ammunition storage sites, and brought activity in Hizbullah strongholds to a halt. There is good reason to con-

from reaching the level of last The deep bombing raids in Beirut, including the attack on power stations after a transformer in Kiryat Shmona was hit by Hizbullah rockets, constituted a considerable setback to the efforts to rebuild Lebanon and Beirut, par-

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ticularly after the long civil war. The tens of billions of dollars that have been invested in this reconstruction effort by Lebanon's leading families, including the prime minister's, were put at risk. Beirut was cut off from south Lebanon, and bundreds of thousands of refugees moved into the capital.

Since then, there have been signs of tension in Beirut, including protests against the Syrian occopation and even bombings against Syrian targets. Another, more extensive, round

of fighting in Lebanon would be very costly, frightening off investors and stopping the reconstruction program. The Lebanese leadership is

advertising Lebanon as "open for

Secondly, baredi Holocaust

statements are designed to shock -

both secular Jews and the haredi

flights - it spells tragedy for our

Talking about haredi pro-nouncements for internal con-

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strators considerably.

year's campaign. They know that if the IDF is provoked, the response will last longer and be more intensive than Grapes of Wrath. If fighting begins, escalation could not be ruled out. Ultimately,

instability and conflict could also weaken Syria's control of Lebanon, reviving the local opposition to the Syrian occupation.

Hizballah may have increased its tactical and operational capabilities in south Lebanon: but in a wider sense, both politically and militarily, it is more vulnerable than last year.

The risks of escalation are high. If the attacks continue Syria, Iran, and Hizbullah could come under pressure from both outside and inside Lebanon to reach an agreement with Israel, one that would disarm the terrorists and allow the IDF finally to withdraw.

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And never the twain shall meet?

JEREMY MAISSEL

• S HOWING films on air-line flights can be com-pared to the gas cham-

bers in the Nazi extermination camps."

startling statement This appeared in a recent issue of Hamodia, the official organ of Agudat Yisrael, provoking strong censure from Dr. Yosef Burg, cbairman of Yad Vashein, and Labor MKs Ofer Pines and Yossi Katz for a cheap and cynical use of Holocaust terminology.

Since the haredim cannot be accused of naivete, how is one to interpret their choice of comparison?

I recently picked up the poppsychology best-seller Men Are from Mors. Women Are from Venus, in which John Gray maps out the sexes' differing natures and ways of expression, and offers a practical guide for improving communication between them.

Gray's theoretical model set me thinking. As the title suggests, his starting point is that men and women come from two different planets, and therefore cannot expect to understand each other without special effort.

Why not, I asked myself, adopt Gray's model for our religioussecular conflict? The haredim could come from Saturn, shabbtai in Hebrew. The link to Shabbat makes it an apt choice.

The secularists could be from Jupiter. As the biggest and brightest planet in the solar system, it is associated with the ruler of the gods in Roman mythology. The planet's Hebrew name is tzedek justice - a concept every good secularist bolds supreme. Now we have our model - so let's go ahead and look at the hare-

there on Saturn.

Since the first days of the state the religious parties have held the balance of political power, and

they are expert at exploiting their position. They want to be in the headlines if they feel it benefits them and underlines their power. di psyche as it developed over But Hamodia was also telling its

community itself.

A little pop psychology could help unclog the religious-secular communication channel

readers in the strongest possible terms: Don't watch films on Proclamations like the one in Hamodia can be understood from three angles. culture.

First, the haredim's use of Holocaust terminology (another recent statement blamed Reform Jewry for the Holocaust) signals desperation. This community. with some justification, feels itself under numerical and cultural threat from the wider Israeli society and its Western values.

In the Diaspora Jews were always threatened from without, and this danger could be coped with; but when the threat comes from fellow Jews, it is perceived as much greater.



Shlomo Benizri tried to gag Gil Kopatch's weekly televised Torah portion? Seculars scoffed, noting that Kopatch got free publicity; but many failed to see how Benizri's stock rose among haredins as a defender of Torah values against the secular destroyers.

SO HOW do Saturnians and Inpiterians learn to communicate? First, by recognizing the need to tread carefully, and by developing mutual respect. And language is a good place to begin.

Saturnians need to realize that the use of Holocaust terminology . can only devalue the Holocaust and ultimately damage their cause.

And as for Jupiterians, who talk a lot about tolerance, they should start practicing it vis-a-vis the Saturnians. Trying to see what. lies behind haredi pronouncements - fear for their culture, for example - could take secularists far in laying the ground for real dialogue.

Each community might well see members of the other as aliens. But they have no choice.

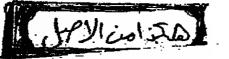
If religious and secular do not learn to communicate with each other, we could soon witness a veritable war of the worlds.

The writer, a religious educator, And remember how Shas MK is a member of Kibbut; Alumim.

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Big Deal Corruption Lite, Democracy's Junk Food

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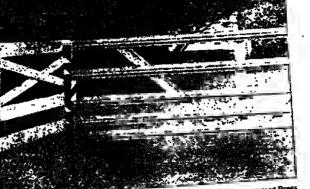
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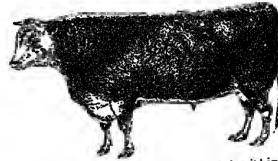
The \$640 toilet seat for a Navy plane overshadowed debate about trillion-dollar defense budgets and bow to best protect the country



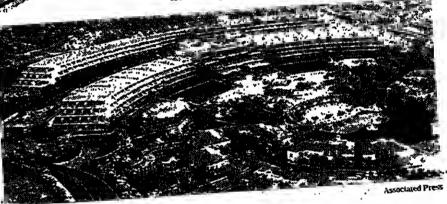
The bed in the Lincoln bedroom, where big contributors

are said to lay their heads.

The college-course tapes, symbol of Newt Gingrich's ethical lapses. Deeper problems with money politics go unaddressed.



Hillary Rodham Clinton's hitting it big in cattle futures was more tangible than the larger issue of when political connections produce personal gain.



The Phoenician Hotel built by Charles H. Keating in Phoenix, the \$300 million crown jewel of the savings and loan scandal.

dolog was once a way of cleansing the system; moral players in a political money game in which everyooe

By MICHAEL WINES

WASHINGTON NEW year dawns, and ooce again the nation is rooted to the sofa, awash in the gray glow of the cathode-ray tube, taking in a pageant of misdeeds. The Speaker of the House took donations to tax-exempt foundations and funneled them into partisan projects. The President transformed the White House into a Motel 6 for well-heeled supporters. It is all pretty squalid, some of it maybe illegal, and there is broad support for doing something about it, "it" being vaguely described as the corrupting effect of the check-

Then again, deciding what to do would mean getting book on democracy. up from the couch, potentially missing the fatal blow to a

stellar political career. Maybe some other time. Increasingly, this is political vice in the nihilist 90's:

snacks for an electorate that has decided all politicians are crooks, and pays attention now mostly to savor their downfall. Once - as with so much in recent history, Watergate is the reference point - a scandal was a feast of important questions of history and politics. A scandal

was a serious and a blg thing. Things have changed. Modern Americans like their sin bite-sized and context-free. Just big enough to fill a headline, today's good scandals are like the miniature Snickers bars passed out at Halloween, only not as oourishing. "There's an unreasonable tattletale joy that, unfortunately, we've been taking about being able to find one more person who shows we can't expect very much out of people," said Michael Josephson, president of the Josephson institute of Ethics in Los Angeles. "We've become indiscriminate between moral felonies and mor-

The trivialization of scandal reflects bigger al misdemeanors." changes in politics and society over the last three decades, with disturbing implications. Exposing wrong-

Truth in the Simpson Trials

ontrage was the disinfectant. Modern scandal seems only to deepen the public's cynical conviction that the system, or at least the people who run it, are beyond soap and water.

Confirming the Worst

"Scandal only confirms people's worst suspicions about why politicians do what they do," sald Bill Schneider, the American Enterprise Institute political scholar and television commentator. "They're too concerned with personal gain, too concerned with power; they're feeding their own appetites. It's one reason why confidence in Government has never recovered."

The campaign-spending affairs enveloping President Clinton and House Speaker Newt Gingrich may yet bring the system to its knees, but so far they have

brought only outraged quibbling. Their retainers argue that both men are simply

pened.

expect to find out from it: what hap-

Most lawyers say that's not the poiot.

Alan Dershowitz, an attorney for many vilified clients, including O. J. Simpson,

at his first trial, put it this way in "Rea-sonable Doubts" (Simon & Schuster,

1996): "A criminal trial is anything but a

And Mr. Dershowitz considers that a

fine thing, since protecting defendants'

rights requires some obfuscation. But

"We have a deeply dysfunctional sys-

tem in which we have rewarded people

for truth-defeating tactics," said John H.

Langbein, a law professor at Yale Uni-

versity, pointedly oarning Mr. Dersho-

Akhil Reed Amar, also at Yale, argues

that juries, especially those in criminal

trials, could perform better if rules in-

tended to insure their objectivity did not

deprive them of information. "We should trust them to discount things based on

the reliability of the evidence," he said.

It's not that the Simpsoo litigation has

been short on evidence; it's that the

evidence has been edited, with some-

many legal scholars think otherwise.

pure search for the truth."

witz as an example.

times puzzling results.

hard put to say whether laws have been broken. The sheer fogginess of the system and its rules makes a plausible case for excusing activities - renting out the White House, funneling cash to political goals - that are questionable on their face. Confronted with malodorous facts and seeing nobody to punish, the public throws up its

hands and says it is politics as usual. The country binged last summer on the sexual and

political excesses of Mr. Clinton's campaign strategist, Dick Morris, but the larger questions - do these Svengalis have too much power? Is anyone accountable for their behavior? --- were hardly raised. Detail, for more reasons

Iran-contra was a profound constitutional crisis inthan one, was all. volving the executive branch's subversion of Congress's power to control spending; the public and the press

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Safety Net Risk and security exchange places. By Floyd Norris



Diplomatic Immunity

Foreign relations clash with public





justice.

The Devil Is in the Details

By LAURA MANSNERUS

ITH the holiday drought of O. J. Simpson news over, the anchorman ou Court TV's Monday night amounced "stunning new evidence" in the civil trial. It was new, all right: a string of 30 photographs showing Mr. Simpson in size-12 Bruno Magli shoes, exactly the model that left bloody prints by the bodies at his ex-wife's doorstep oo June 12, 1994.

On Friday Mr. Simpson himself took the stand so his lawyers could exhibit a

solicitous family man who could, and did, deny that he ever hit his wife. ("To the jury, it's too practiced, too slick," one Court TV commentator said with a frown

when the day came to an end.) And so, while most people had assumed that after Mr. Simpson's 369-day criminal trial there was nothing left to say, it turns out that there is. At the same time, something awfully big is missing in this round: Judge Hiroshi Fujisaki has barred most of what the defense proposes to say, or insinuate, about a police

Now suppose that two juries of Marconspiracy. tians had gone to Los Angeles, one to hear the criminal trial, the other to bear

the wrongful-death case, each ignorant of the other. Consider how they might later compare notes. The criminal jurors might wonder why, along with missing the defendant's testimony (and his shoes), they never heard about his failing a lie-detector test or about a frightened



woman named Nicole calling a women's shelter five days before Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ronald L. Gold-

The civil jurors would be surprised man died. that they had missed so much about planted evidence and about Mark Fuhrman, the former police detective. They might ask: Was he even important? And as for the fit of the bloody glove, they'd say: How were we supposed to know? Such an exercise raises the question of whether any trial - if evidence can be swept out, sliced up, reconfigured and glued together to support any number of stories - can tell Americans what they

In the first trial, "you got the feeling that history was being written more com-pletely by 'Geraldo,' " said George P. Fletcher, a law professor at Columbia Uoiversity who appeared occasionally as a commentator oo Geraldo Rivera's nightly Simpsonfest. Mr. Simpson's second trial looks dif-

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In the Market We Trust

Common stocks, as such, are not superior to bonds as long-term investments, becouse primorily they ore not investments of oll. They ore speculations.

 "Investments and Speculations," by Lawrence Chamberlain and William W Hay, published by Henry Holt in 1931.

The more doto we anolyze, the more confident we ore that stocks ore superior long-term investments. In the long run, the true tisk resides with fixed-income investments, not with common stocks. - "Stocks for the Long Run," by Jeremy

J. Siegel, published by Irwin in 1994.

By FLOYD NORRIS

HE American view of financial risks and opportunities has come a long way in six decades.

Four years after Lawrence Chamberlain, a respected investment banker, warned that stocks could not even be deemed an investment, the Social Security system was born as a way of providing an assured means of support for elderly Americans. Money would be raised by taxes on working Americans and, to the extent not needed to pay immediate benefits, invested in safe Government bonds.

In 1935, memories of the 1929 crash were fresh. No one suggested that the road to safety led through buying common stocks.

Now, three years after Jeremy J. Siegel, a finance professor at the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School, published his influential book, a commission has recommended to Congress that the Social Security system be parily financed by common stock investments. It split on Important details, but on the central thesis it came down solidly with Mr. Siegel: Stocks are safe, for in the long run they always go up. Bonds, including government bonds, whose real value can be eroded by inflation, are the risky asset.

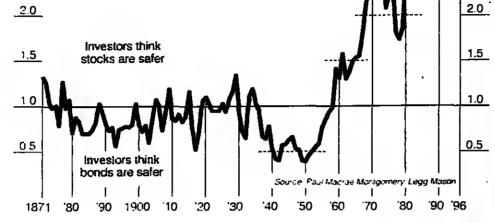
The change has come slowly, with some converting early and some not at all. The stock market gained adherents in the 1950's and 1960's, then lost them in the 1970's, when inflation scared many investors away from all securities, and briefly into such hard assets as gold and diamonds. But since 1982, the start of a bull market with few historical rivals, the academic work showing that stocks are the best long-term investment has gained widespread acceptance.

Accordingly, investors have been willing , to pay more and more for stocks, feeling secure in the knowledge that they will do well in the long run, even if prices fall over shorter periods of time.

One way to measure the changing attitudes is to look at the relative level of

The Sweet Smell of Stocks

The relative yield from dividends on a diversified portfolio of industrial stocks stocks compared with interest from high-quality corporate bonds. A ligure of 1 shows the two yield the same. Figures below 1 show that stocks yield more, indicating that investors demand a high dividend to offset the risk of investing in stocks. Figures above 1 show slock dividends are less than the interest from bonds, indicating that investors expect increases in stock prices will make up the difference Figures are annual averages.



dividends on stocks compared with interest rates on bonds. Investors have the choice of buying bonds, with a guaranteed interest rate and certainty (barring default) of getting their principal back when the bond matures, or of buying stocks, with a less certain yield from dividends and the possibility that the stock's price could rise or fall. In the aftermath of the 1929 crash, it became accepted wisdom that the dividend on stocks should be higher than the yield on bonds. After all, investors deserved compensation for taking the risk of falling share prices. In the late 1940's, investors were quite willing to buy bonds that yielded little more than a third of the dividends they could obtain from a diversified portfolio of stocks.

25-Year Recovery

But as the widely forecast post-World War II depression failed to occur, investors gradually became more and more willing to buy stocks, and stocks became more expensive relative to bonds. In 1954, the Dow Jones industrial average finally got back to its precrash high of 381.17. There was nervous commeniary, but no crash. Then, in 1958, there was much hand-wring-

ing over the fact that the dividend yield on stocks was now actually lower than the bond yield. A scary article in Business Week was titled "An Evil Omen Returns." It warned that stock yields had been below bond yields back in 1929, and look what happened.

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But it didn't happen agaio. It was not until the 1970's that stocks again performed badly over a long period. And after prices began to soar again in 1982, academics gradually produced what they viewed as proof that rising stock prices, in the long run, were inevitable. That gospel has been proclaimed in newspapers, personal finance magazines and on countless (elevision shows.

Now the interest you can get on a highquality corporate bond is about four times the dividend yield on the stocks in the Standard & Poor's industrial average, but most on Wall Street figure that is Irrelevant. Companles can return money to shareholders by repurchasing shares, and in any case it is the prospect of rising prices, not dividend income, that draws in buyers. "It's a sea change in attitudes," says Paul Macrae Montgomery, a strategist at Legg Mason, the brokerage house.

"The Jeremy Siegel book hit at exactly the right moment," Peter L. Bernstein, a found ing editor of The Jouroal of-Portfolio Management, said last week. Now the expected return from stocks is seen as "a reliable projection," he said. "I think that is just extraordinary," he added.

Last week, in The Wall Street Journal, Jonathan Clements, a columnist, confronted the question of what a parent should do if he had all the savings for his daughter's college education invested in stocks, only to have her go to college in one of those rare periods when stock prices had fallen substantially. -Mr. Clements's response: Pay the tultion with borrowed money "while you wait for stocks to bounce back

Some people are appalled by such attitudes and worry that research "proving"

that stocks are the best long-term investments may persuade investors to bid up share prices until they are dangerously overvalued, much as happened in the 1920's.

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Mr. Slegel admits that is possible but says share prices would have to rise another 25 percent or so, to perhaps 8,000, for him to be really concerned. Still, he is not enthusiastic about the idea of putting Social Security money into stocks. "Suppose we come to a 10year period when the return on stocks is not good," he said. "They happen."

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The Devil Is in The Trial Details

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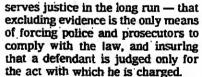
ferent for many reasons. There aren't so many restrictions on evidence in a civil proceeding. Mr. Simpson faces different opponents, represented by different (and most say better) lawyers. The judges have different ideas about what jurors should hear. The plaintiffs' lawyers, having watched the prosecutors, have learned a great deal about what not to do, and witnesses have learned what not to say. And new fragments of information have been found.

The question of exactly what happened on June 12, 1994, will probably never be answered in court because a trial is often not so much a dispassionate inquiry as it Is a morality play. At best it is an attempt to recapture events that were ambiguous in the first place; at worst it is a contest between opposing public relations machines, each trying to sell its own stylized version of reality.

It is, in any event, a game. "If one side makes a mistake, it has to live with the mistake, even if it terribly distorts the outcome," said Burt Neuborne, a professor at the New York University Law School. "The feeling is that the outcome is less important than the process, than defending the adversary process in the long run."

Living with a mistake ordinarily means forfeiting evidence. Io Mr. Simpson's criminal trial, prosecutors couldn't present their finding that carpet fibers at the crime scene had to be from a 1993 or 1994 Bronco (Mr. Simpson's was a 1994) because, in violation of court rules, they failed to give their report to the defense. In criminal trials, prosecutors cannot use evidence gathered in an improper search, and they cannot call the defendant to the stand. In both civil and criminal trials, evidence can be excluded because it is hearsay (that's what Judge Lance Ito ruled about the phone call to the women's shelter), or because It is deemed irrelevant (as Judge Fujisaki decided about Mark Fuhrman), or so prejudicial that it would mislead the jury (as both judges concluded about some accounts of wifebattering by Mr. Simpson).

Most lawyers and legal scholars believe such editing serves the truth in the long run. Even more say it



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Still, the American system is remarkable for its restrictive trial rules. Most countries' courts admit information more informally and give judges a much bigger role, cutting short the laborious process of posing questions and objections. In Europe, Mr. Langbein said, "you're looking at a legal system so much fairer, cheaper and more accurate than ours that they view us the way we view witch doctors."

What Jurors Want

European judges routinely ask for a defendant's record of crimes, or what American law calls, more generally, "bad acts." American jurors want to know about them, too, to judge from the comments of those who deadlocked in the recent trial of Alex Kelly, who was charged with raping a 16-year-old girl in Connecticut. Only later did they learn, to their dismay, that a second girl had accused him of a similar attack.

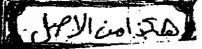
But James F. Flanagan, a professor at the University of South Carolina Law School, argues that a prior conviction is not usually such useful information anyway. "The question before the jury is whether the individual did this act," he said.

Besides, Mr. Flanagan said, juries hear plenty of facts, which stretch only so far. Mr. Simpson's lawyers must bave appreciated that, he said, when confronted with the photographs of the Bruno Maglis: "They got whapped by reality evidence."

In the Simpson case, it is possible that no number of cold facts can lead to an acceptable conclusion. "It happened in the Rosenberg case and in the Hiss case and in this case," said Mr. Fletcher at Columbia.

Mr. Fletcher said there are better ways to get at information than staging trials, but they are not necessarily satisfying. With official inquiries and commissions, he said, "the idea is you have the best evidence you can put together." The Warren Commission, he added, was such an effort - and 30 years later, "a vast percentage of the public doesn't believe it."

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A 6-year-old contestant practicing her smile.

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OT since the introduction of New Coke in 1985

has the maker of the world's most famous

brand tried anything so adventurous. But

rather than resort to fireworks, banner-wav-

By ALLEN R. MYERSON

ing airplanes and advertising bombast a la the hapless

New Coke debut, the company last week assigned a

single nonchalant spokesman to confirm, but not an-

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as if interpreted by the editors of Wired magazine: the

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Most of the old Coca-Cola cues are still there, but

ing out in newly overhauled bottles and cans.

drink feel it has to mess with success?

While the threat of child abuse is consuming the

But elsewhere in America, children in pageants

Christine Sherman, whose 8-year-old, Chelsea, Is

"My daughter has been doing this since she was 11

are held out to be inspected, rejected and crowned.

the 1996 fall cover model of Pageant World magazine,

said the children's pageant world "brings a lot of kids

months old," Mrs. Sherman said. "She's a hula dancer.

and she sings. She holds several state and national

titles. I think pageants are terrific because kids get a

showcasing. Like the smothering father in the film

"Shine," the child and its talent become the possessed.

little kids to get the glory," said Ted Cohen, president

of World Pageants, Inc., which publishes an interna-

tional directory of pageants. American pageants, Mr.

Cohen said, represent a billion-dollar-a-year business.

pageants, you know it's big business," said Mr. Cohen,

"You get Proctor and Gamble participating to

"It's the big kids - the mothers - wanting the

national imagination, childlike models like Kate Moss

By KAREN DE WITT

reign. Last August, Calvin Klein withdrew an ad campaign that mirolcked cheesy adult videos after critics, many parents among them, likened the images to child WASHINGTON ANY Americans have been riveled by the

televised images of JonBenet Ramsey, the kindergarten beauty queen who was murdered in her family's home in a wealthy nelghborhood of Boulder, Colo., the day after Christmas. A 6-year-old, JonBenet was already a veteran of the children's pageant circuit, having won a half-dozen beauty crowns. Many of her photographs show ber posed coquettishly in showgirl costume and lipstick,

her hair a highlighted blonde. With her death, the country has liad a glimpse into this world, in which there is a pageant almost every day. Even infants can win a crown.

Child beauty pageants appear to be another examerica wanting to have it both ways: a paean to the beautiful innocence that child

"Beauty pageants in particular blur the lines

Today Americans have become fixated with the

between what is cute and what is sensual," said Laura

Pappano, a visiting scholar at the Murray Research

safety of their children. Horrific crimes like the kidnap

and murder of Polly Klaas in California by a sexual

predator in 1993 and protective roeasures like New

Jersey's "Megan's Law," which informs oeighbor-

hoods of convicted sexual offenders, increase the sense

that pedophiles lurk by every schoolyard fence and

be, but dolled up with the aura of adulthood,

Center at Radcliff College.

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V. J. La Cour, publisher of Pageant Life magazine, "It's glitz and glitter, a little bit of Hollywood. That's what the little kids want." But their wants pale beside the interests of pa and a multimillion-dollar industry of grooming and

positive attitude toward themselves."

who approves of pageants for adults but is troubled by those for very young children. "Black Velvet has its own pageants. And Hawailan Tropics, the tanning

lotion, is very big, mostly children." Some feminists say that sexism and cororoercialism mean that a country that searches for the bogeyman in its children's closets fails to see the real ones.

"The commodification of bodies Is big business because society reinforces stereotypes of beauty to keep women in their place," said Shalene Hesse-Biber, associate professor of sociology at Boston University.

"We're afraid of sexuality unless you put tinsel on it and package it in a controlled environment, like these pageants, with adoring parents."

Camille Paglia, a feminist critic and professor of. bumanities at the University of the Arts in Philadelphia, finds something amiss in the participation of

children in the pageant world. "These pageants mark a deep sexual disturbance in the soclety, a cannibalizing of youth by these vam-

piric adults," she said. Some characterize that disturbance in terms of a national Illness, others as a blend of Biblical entitlement and good old American upward roobility.

then something creeps into this. It is, at its most

extreme, a sense that we own these children. They are

objects to mold and do with as we like."

School as America's Cure-All

By PETER APPLEBOME

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OMEWHERE between ebonics and Newtonics lies the basic dilemma of American education. Oakland, as most Americans know by now, became a cause célèbre last month when its school board embraced the theory of ebonics, saying that many of its black students were having trouble with English because they spoke a separate language that

Last week Newt Gingrich came up with his own had its roots in Africa. analysis of the problems in American education when,

after his re-election as House Speaker, he decried the atter this re-election as house speaker, he decred the way ignorance has been "cleaned up and refined into some aspect of educational failure." This failure, he said, includes deficiencies in basic cuizenship, the failure to subscribe to the work ethic and the disinclination

Whether couched in the rhetorical excesses of liberto save money.

als or conservatives, when the subject is society and its ills, the solution is invariably education. As President Lyndon B. Johnson once put it, "The answer to all our national probleros comes down to a single word: educa-

Great Expectations

tion."

Now that faith is being tested as never before. A changing work force has put an increased premium on education as the single most important key to success. A fractured populace has different views of what schools should provide. And a near-mania for improvement on standardized test scores has coincided with the public's expectations that schools ought to deal with the ills of poverty and violence in poor neighborhoods.

"As a society, we have a long history of continually looking at schools as a sort of first line of defense against whatever is defined as the problem du jour," said Mike Rose, a professor at the Uoiversity of California at Los Angeles, who wrote "Possible Lives; The Promise of Public Education in America" (Houghton Mifflin, 1995). "We're at a time when we are particularly conflicted as a culture, so you can iroagine how contradictory and confusing the messages can be at the school level."



A faith in education, shared by Gingrich and partisans of

challenge: now car, we usual a parage mat's up-to-date and familiar at the same time? How do we make

Koruna cuready of cureage, one of coca-cora's pack-age designers, "without turning things npside down Although Mr. Kornick didn't work on the latest can, it's easy to imagine the designers posing their can, it's easy to integrate the designers posing their challenge: "How car, we design a package that's up-to-

the brand very fresh and new," said Joe Kornick, of

the brand very fresh and new, saw Joe Aornick, of Kornick Lindsay of Chicago, one of Coca-Cola's pack-

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vessel armed with double meanings.

"Different people see different things in it," said

Bob Bertini, the company's spokesman. Take the new Typeka lettering, which has been

manipulated electronically to make almost every letter a different weight and level than the one before. "Some people see it as a manual typewriter font, other

people see it as computer," Mr. Bertini said. Or the word "Refreshing," which refers to both

"They are so much a part of American culture that they both reflect the cultural norms and help The problem is, those cultural norms aren't create them," Mr. Asher said.

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consumers, it also bas some special advantages.

If Coke has the "drawback" of ferociously loyal York packaging design firm.

popular Mexican food line, for example, got so sick of hearing that their packages were tired that a year ago they said, "O.K., let's get a newer look." Designers cranked out a dozen concepts and brought the top eight before focus groups, but ultimately customers saw any change as too much. "Where we netted out was, 'You know guys, don't make the change,' " said Jonathan B. Asher, marketing chief for the Coleman Group, a New

it new enough to counter Pepsi's frenetic innovation but conservative enough to avoid shocking those loyalists who poured cans of New Coke into the streets?" Even the guardians of lesser brands have to contend with this tricky calculus. The producers of a

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Coca-Cola logo, which reads as the label on the new can

but also takes the place of the label on the older bottle.

product design.

"We're more about youth and change and energy." said Brad Shaw, a Pepsico spokesman, before faxing over survey results listing Pepsi among the five brands that teen-agers recently named the "coolest."

accuses its rival of belatedly trying to catch up in

Pepsi trots out novelty cans and bottles all the

tiroe. Its new iridescent Pepsi Blue can, which is being

tested in Des Moines and New Orleans, borrows from

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Pepsi, still No. 2 behind Coke in the United States,

1997 the beverage and the redesigned can. Or even the

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Anthony Graziano, professor of sociology and coebonics, is sorely tested. director of the Research Center for Children and Youth, at the State University of New York at Buffalo, said: "We want to be good parents and are quick to criticize those we see as not being good parents. But

It can't get roore contradictory than the Oakland School Board and the House Speaker, but in each case, an educational solution was sought for what was essentially

Lost in the furor over whether the Oakland School a social problem. Board should subscribe to ebonics - and use black English to teach children standard English - was the way it reflected a very real dilemma: the cultural isolation of many black children that results in speech patterns far outside the oational norm. Educators, politicians and civil rights advocates condemned the Oakland board for declaring their speech a separate language, yet few disagree that the children face many hurdles in mastering English. Those hurdles are as much a product of what happens outside the school as what happens - or fails to happen - inside. Still, the education system is expected to solve the problem, regardless of its genesis. Mr. Gingrich roystified more than a few people when

he launched into characteristically broad remarks on educational failure. "There are too roany places in America where people are born into dysfunction, educated into dysfunction and live in dysfunction," he said in a speech that seeroed to speak both to broad cultural needs and narrower educational ones. Many conservatives say that the first step toward turning around schools is instilling order, teaching values and asserting social norms.

Strong Suits

Still, not only is there no national consensus on the

solution, there is also no consensus that schools should veer far from the basics of teaching reading, writing, science and math. Chester Finn, a senior fellow at the Hudson Institute in Washington, said that American children, even with perfect school attendance, spend 9 percent of their time froro birth to age 18 in school. There is no way the 9 percent can overcome what happens in the other 91, he said. And when schools stray too far from the basics, they take time away from what they do best and do things they probably do not do well. They can also delude the culture into thinking the problems need not be

"I once tended to agree with L.B.J. that you could addressed elsewhere. save the world through education," Mr. Finn said, "but five since been mugged by reality. We've always been a little naïve about expecting too much from the schools, but it mattered less when other civic institutions were in better shape. The naïveté is more damning now, particu-

larly because it tends to let other institutions off the Mr. Rose, the U.C.L.A. professor, said the pressures hook.' are not unprecedented, noting that similar expectations

were placed on schools in the 1920's, a time of massive immigration and social dislocation. But the differences now include multiculturalism and its numerous agendas,

the presence of guns and the decline of institutions like

A further complication is the new obsession for the church and family.

higher academic achievement on standardized tests. Businesses, in particular, have made this perhaps the dominant pressure on schools while the left and right

hattle over content and style. "It seems to me that all these forces are coming

without any coordination." Mr. Rose said. "No one is saying, 'Gee, how can we make this work together?'

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Maybe someone needs to."

the current design only the brand name running up the sides and the red-white-and-blue Pepsi ball. "Pepsi's image is that it's always changing, and Coke's image is that it's always Coca-Cola," said

many customers hardly catch.

Thomas Hine, author of "The Total Package: The

and Tubes" (Little, Brown, 1995).

Coca-Cola executives like to point out that they've been tinkering with their packaging for decades. But it's usually been agonized tinkering, with the company seemingly hiring half the country's market research-

ers and package developers to refine nuances that

Now, perhaps sensing that even oldsters are be-

coming as obsessed with trends as with tradition,

Coca-Cola is hunting for other ways to go backwards

and forward at the same time. Currently in testing: a

contoured can that mimics the trademark bottle.

Evolution and Secret Meanings of Boxes, Bottles, Cans

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The World

Seoul Takes Its Cue From Mrs. Thatcher

By ANDREW POLLACK

SEOUL, South Korea HEN South Korea enacted its basic tabor laws in 1953, it was in the midst of the Korean War. Communist North Korea claimed that it was a worker's paradise. To counteract this, South Korea provided such generous worker benefits as a near guarantee of lifetime employment and a one-day-amonth paid menstruation leave for women. Today, North Korea is an economic baskei case and a prosperous South Korea faces very different rivals. It finds itself economically sandwiched between other

South Korea confronts labor to keep its economy competitive.

Asian countries with lower wages, like China and Indonesia, and advanced nations with higher technology, like Japan. And there is a widespread feeling among businesses and the Government that in this era of global competition the old largess can no longer be afforded.

This sense of economic crisis is, to some extent, at the root of the widespread strikes that have paralyzed some South Korean industries for more than two weeks and have provoked violent clashes between strikers and police.

Worried that Korea is becoming internationally uncompetitive, the Government is trying to shake off a pattern of long, sometimes violent strikes that have made this nation the world leader in labor strife for the last 10 years and have led to wage increases that have averaged 15 percent a year over the same period.

To end these strikes, in late December President Kim Young Sam's ruling party passed new laws making it easier to dismiss workers and replace strikers.

Downsizing is about to come to Korea. "There is no country in the world except Korea where annual wages continued to rise

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15 percent a year for the past 10 years," Jin Nyum, the Minister of Labor, said Friday. "At this point, one can't help asking, 'Can the Korean economy continue like this?" " So far, the result of this attempt to establish a new pattern of labor-management relations has merely been a return to the strikes of old, but on a larger scale than ever. But President Kim thinks he can take on

the powerful unions now, even in an election year, because he believes the public is more worried about the future of the economy than about workers' rights.

And so he has been standing tough, much as former President Ronald Reagan did when he faced down striking air traffic controllers in 1981 and as Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher did in Britain when she slood firm against striking miners in 1985. But President Kim may be making a miscalculation, and indeed the Government on Saturday seemed to be scrambling to

soften its stance. It is true that in South Korea there is a sense that the nation's economic miracle is ebbing. Economic growth has fallen to about 6 percent a year, which would be the envy of many nations but is less than the 8 or 9 percent growth the nation is accustomed to. Korea's trade deficit has ballooned to record levels. And the stock market is lan-

guishing at close to its lowest level in four years. "Structurally, I think we've come to the end of the effectiveness of the existing paradigm," said Park Ungsuh, president of the

Samsung Economic Research Institute. Still, it would be incorrect to attribute too much of the nation's woes to overpaid workers. Over-regulation of business by the Government is considered an even bigger cause of economic sclerosis.

Radical Changes

Despite what might have been written in the labor law, Korean workers have not really been pampered.

For most of the period since the Korean War, hours were long, working conditions were often poor and wages, until recently, were low. During the 1960's, the 1970's and the first half of the 1980's, authoritarian governments suppressed workers' ability to organize unions or to go on strike.

Things began to change radically in 1987,



A South Korean striker set himself on fire Friday to protest new labor laws. He lived, but suffered burns over 30 percent of his body.

with the stirrings of democracy. As if a lid had been lifted on pent-up frustrations, workers erupted in numerous, often violent strikes that were in turn suppressed by the arrests of the strikers. The number of strikes has dropped in recent years, in part because companies have given in to demands for big wage increases.

Daewoo Electronics, for instance, now pays its Korean factory workers more than workers in its factory in Britain, even though Britain is a much wealthier country, said Bae Soonhoon, Daewoo's president.

Because of the high wages at home in South Korea, Daewoo has begun moving Its consumer electronics manufacturing to lower-wage nations in Asia and Latin America. But Dr. Bae concedes that with South Korea's economy growing, its labor supply tight and big companies fighting for market

share, keeping the factories running has been the priority. "I cannot do anything," he said. "If they ask for more mooey I have to pay more, because if f don't they don't work. And the

loss from not delivering product is higher the start of a provide the starter brand to be a start and an or

than the loss from higher production costs. So I give more."

While many analysts might agree with the need to keep wages in check and allow for greater flexibility in trimming work forces, they note that this was not supposed to be the only purpose of the new law.

What the Law Left Out

As originally envisioned, the law was intended to change the whole labor-management relationship from one of confrontation to one of cooperation.

In addition to helping management, the law was meant to enhance the rights of workers to unionize and to bring South Korea into conformity with international labor standards. Teachers and other public employees were to be given the right to organize and more than one union was to be permitted at a company.

But because of fears that granting such rights would lead to disruptions, the law that was actually enacted postponed some of these reforms or left them out.

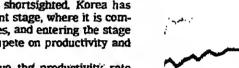
"The Government is trying to focus on efficiency only, disregarding rights," said Park Young Ki, director of the Institute for Labor and Management at Sogang Universi-

This is starting to backfire on the Government. It is helping to bring religious groups, academics, opposition fawmakers, civic groups and international human rights and labor groups into the controversy on the side of the striking workers. This is the major reason the Government seems to be starting to explore a compromise.

But even from the point of view of econom-Ic competitiveness, a policy that alienates workers might be shortsighted. Korea has left the development stage, where it is competing on low wages, and entering the stage where it must compete on productivity and product quality.

"We can improve the productivity rate and product quality when workers are highly motivated," said Professor Park of Sogang University. "If they are not happy it will reflect negatively in their prodocts, and that's a disaster."

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Impugning Immunity

Diplomats Who Do Wrong

By STEVEN LEE MYERS

WASHINGTON N 1982, a North Korean diplomat grabbed a woman's breasts in a park in Eastchester, outside New York City, and then holed up in his country's mission to the United Nations for 10 months, before he finally pleaded guilty to a minor charge and left. A few years later, the Ambassador of Papua-New Guinea plowed his car into four others on Wisconsin Avenue here. Though alleged to have been soused, he went home with impunity. More recently, Uganda's Ambassador was nabbed by customs agents in Florida as he was trying to smuggle home antitank weapons. He, too, left the country.

The Indignant Public

There is no new crime wave emanaling from foreign embassies, missions and consulates around the United States. But every couple of years or so, a few cases catch the public's indignant eye and the State Department has to defend a basic principle of foreign relations that occasionally flies in the face of the American sense of justice: diplomatic immunity.

It is a principle, cemented by Ireaty, whose roots stretch not only to the earliest days of the United States but to the ancient Greeks and the Pharaohs. And yet the very idea is attacked virtually every time it is invoked in this country to shield foreign diplomats - or their husbands. wives, sons and daughters - who have done something wrong.

Now two highly publicized incidents have fueled the furor again.

In the first, two diplomats in New York City, a Russian and a Belarussian accredited to the United Nations, sculled with police officers trying to ticket their car, parked in front of a fire hydrant. Everything about the confrontation on Dec. 29 - from the amount of dry white wine the Russian drank at lunch to the behavior of the officers - remains in dispute.

Maynr Rudolph W. Guliani, whose lamously determined style can turn even minor events into international incidents, accused the diplomats of attacking the officers, demanded their immediate expulsion and reminded the world of their embassies' refusal to pay parking fines. The Governments of Russia and Belarus demanded an investigation and an apology.

The second, far more serious incident involved the death of a teen-age girl. According to the police, on Jan. 3, the second-ranking diplomat from the Republic of Georgia's Embassy in Washington drove into a car waiting at a red light, knocking it into a third, in which the girl was a passenger. The diplomat, the police said, had been drinking and driving wildly.

Within days, the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia concluded there was ample evidence to charge the diplomat. Gueorgui Makharadze, with a crime, perhaps even murder in the second degree. The State Department immediately called on Georgia's President, Eduard A. Shevardnadze, to lift the diplomat's immunity, as did the White House.



Gueorgui Makharadze. a Republic of Georgia diplomat, was involved in this fatal accident.

It looked, for a while, as if this was the case that would at last shatter the principle of immunuy. Senator Judd Gregg of New Hampshire declared it time to rethink immunity for serious crimes and called on President Clinion to suspend \$30 million in aid to Georgia if Mr. Makharadze did not stand trial. "American taxpayers should not have to send tens of millions of dollars to a cnuntry that would use a legal technicality to

When a rule of foreign relations offends the public's sense of justice.

harbor a drunk driver responsible for the death of a young woman." said Senator Gregg, the chairman of the Appropriations subcommittee that oversees the State Department.

By Friday, though, the debate was defused. After a personal appeal from Secretary of State Warren Christopher, Mr. Shevardnadze announced that Georgia would warve immunity in the interest of bilateral relations and "on moral and ethical grounds." It is still unclear when or if Mr. Makharadze will face charges.

The great popular misconception about diplomatic immunity is that it gives foreign envoys license to misbehave - from parking at bus stops to committing rape or murder. In fact, the treaty that codified immunity into international law, the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 1961, requires diplomats to obey the law

of the land wherever they are posted.

But to protect diplomats from harassment the treaty forbids any country to force a diplomat to appear in court. (There are exceptions, including any diplomat serving as an estate executor or engaged in commercial activity.)

The United States has recognized immunity since 1790, but after a series of highly publicized cases, it has taken steps to restrict it, limiting it to the most senior diplomats and their families. Only 18,000 or so foreigners have full immunity in the United States, and very few of them have ever committed crimes. In 1995, the last year for which the State Department has a full accounting, there were 17 cases where diplomats faced charges of felonies or misdemeanors involving violence. And of those, only six were serious enough to end m expulsions.

Is the Dog Immune, Too?

Still, the occasional rogue deliberately commits crimes with knowing impunity. In New York, immunity has protected scores of diplomats and their missions who have refused to pay their bills. And occasionally the principle is pushed to absurdity. In the 1970's, Barbados's delegate to the United Nations tried to extend diplomatic immunity to his dog, a German shepherd accused of biting his neighbors. More recently, Mozambique's deputy representative to the United Nations waived his immunity in order to take his American wife to divorce court, only to invoke it again after he lost their \$5 million estate in Greenwich, Conn., In the proceedings, He appealed all the way to the Supreme Court, but she got the house.

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dwelled on Oliver North's damn-thetorpedoes personality and his acceptance of a free security fence. Whitewater raises serious, if belated, moral questions about the Clintons' willingness to use friends and political connections for personal enrichment and power; public debate has become hopelessly enmeshed in technical questions about cattle futures and real estate cash flow.

Defense procurement, a trilliondollar issue beyond anyone's easy grasp, is reduced to \$600 toilet seats and \$7,000 coffeemakers. The issue of Clarence Thomas's fitness to sit on the Supreme Court degenerates into bickering over an alleged pubic hair on an alleged can of Coca-Cola.

The problem is not that politicians and the public cannot understand or debate weighty public matters. The battle over Judge Robert Bork's suitability for the Supreme Court was exceedingly bitter, but mostly on point. The early Congressional hearings on Whitewater, on whether the White House was Improperly apprised of Federal inquiries into the Clintons' business dealings, were both revealing and devastating.

Nor should anyone be faulted for seizing on metaphors - bounced cbecks at the House of Representatives bank, say - to represent larger truths like political arrogance. Scandals have always been reduced to metaphors: a vicuna coat, an oilfilled dome, a secretary who cannot

It is when scandal becomes a onesize-fits-all affair, experts say, that it loses its moral punch. The distinction between right and wrong has been fudged in more places than Washington. But the forces at work here, some experts say, have been especially powerful.

Watergate was one of them: Richard Nixon's fall ushered in an era of mutual suspicion between journalists and the people they cover, and legiumized public disclosure of politicians' finances and conflicts of interest

Public lives have become far more transparent, and wrongdoing has become easier to find - and maybe less outrageous as a result.

Watergate introduced another concept to the scandal business: the 'smoking gun' as the standard of proof for misbehavior. The public and journalists mostly abandoned old-fashioned moral judgments about political behavior for more objective legal standards. But the legal system is adversari-

al, not fixed, and in the hands of a good lawyer the law can be both incredibly flexible and indifferent to morality. What the Harvard political scientist and ethics expert Dennis F. Thompson calls "institutional scandal" thrives under a smoking-gun standard: corrupted systems like the Federal campaign-spending structure go unchallenged because they are technically legal and publicly disclosed.

"That culture of legalism makes us put everything in terms of a criminal paradigm - did somebody do something intentionally, and did it harm some identifiable individual?" Mr. Thompson said.

The TV Effect

But the most powerful agent of change may be television. Television remade politics by weakening political parties, raising financial stakes and rewarding candidates with the money and stage presence to build their personal followings."

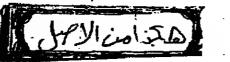
"Television made scandal much more common," said Mr. Schneider. Politicians figured out that the way to get ahead was to build their own personal following: people don't sup-port an ideology, a philosophy, a party; they support you. And that means that if you want to destroy your political enemy, you have to do it personally. You have to cut off their personal following, which means making them look like crooks and thieves and li-

And so charges of ethical misdeeds have become a staple of political campaigns, cheapening them and contributing to the public belief that all politicians are corrupt.

Mostly, they are. And, Mr. Josephson of the Josephson Ethics Institute adds, so are too many non-politicians. Check-bouncers are not confined to the customer base of the House bank, and lying and puffery are not restricted to Capitol Hill

Mr. Josephson argues without much hope that voters should stop trivializing political scandal and learn once more to make judgments about right and wrong.

"When we judge most people's character, we have what f call a disqualifying point," he said, "some point at which you say, 'This person is so unsavory to me that I wouldn't vote for him for anything.' But it's also possible to have someone you see flaws in and object to, yet you don't decide to fire them."



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ECONOMY This Lead Dog Still Barks, but Has a Bit Less Bite

BY ADAM BRYANT

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AST month, Robert L. Crandall the famously combative chairman of American Airlines, sounded a note of conciliation.

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In a long interview m which he discussed the airline industry's prospects, as well as his own, the 61-yearold Mr. Crandall talked like a man who had grown more tolerant of a world that has never quite snapped. to attention as precisely or as profitably as he wanted.

"The passage of time," he said over breakfast during a trip to New York, "has probably made me a little more understanding that you can't always move as rapidly as you'd like."

A stinging defeat last week will put that understanding to the test.

It was supposed to have been a good week for Mr. Crandall, the captone to a series of bold moves over the last year. E.

Riding a strong industry comeback from the huge losses of the early 90's, Mr. Crandall trumpeted a big marketing alliance with British Airways last summer, saw his Sabre travel information subsidiary go public in a popular stock offering in October and placed an order in November for more than \$6 billion worth of Boeing jets, American's first sizable order since the 1980's. But Mr. Crandall made the Boeing deal contingent on his winning approval by American's pilots of a four-year contract that union leaders tentatively agreed to last fall. Without the contract, which put a

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flown profitably and the order would pilots or with Boeing. be off, Mr. Crandall said - a development that would restrict American's future growth.

blink: by a 2-to-1 margin, they rejected the pact.

With company earnings strong again — American's parent, the Dallas-based AMR Corporation, is expected to report record profits of about \$850 million for 1996 - the pilots say they are in no mood for raises that lag behind inflation, echoing similar sentiments at United Airlines, where mechanics also rejected a wage offer last week. (Another group of United workers accepted the offer; the outcome of a vote by pilots there will not be known until Friday.) Nor did Mr. Crandall give his pilots much reason to work with him; time and again, he has criticized-them harshly in public.

It is anyone's guess what happens next. American says it might wind up scaling back its order with Boeing, Many of the pilots, however, say they are convinced that Mr. Crandall will buy the full order no matter what they do. On Thursday, their union, the Allied Pilots Association, which has about 9,000 members at American, warned of a possible strike if Mr. Crandall did oot sweeten the wage offer. To underscore their harder line, union representatives said they would replace the five-member panel that oegotiated the rejected deal.

But two things do seem clear. One is that Mr. Crandall will in-

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tight cap on wage increases through deed not be moving ahead as rapidly 2800, the new planes could not be as be would like, either with the The other is that it is hardly the

first time he has stubbed his toe in labor negotiations, where his hard-On Wednesday, the pilots did not ball positions are often criticized as counterproductive. He has drawn similar criticism over the years for his lobbying efforts in Washington, where he has also been given to making threats when a policy decision did not go his way.

"Bob has outsmarted his competition, but he does have an unfortunate history of failing to build consensus in Washington and with his work force - that's been his Achilles' heel," said Clark H. Onstad, a former chief counsel at the Federal Aviation Administration and now a senior executive at Atlas Air, a cargo carrier in Golden, Colo.

Mr. Crandall said late last week that he was disappointed by the pilots' vote. "It's very disheartening, he said. "We oegotiated with these guys for more than two years. The agreement is by any objective measure the best contract in the industry,

A spokesman for American, Robert A. Britton, said, "Clearly our goal is to reach an agreement with the union, preferably sooner rather than later."

Boeing apparently is willing to wait, at least for a while, for the pilots and Mr. Crandall to patch things up, although it is not clear how long the company will be able to commit part of its production capacity to the large order without a goahead. Under the terms of the nowpostponed deal, American agreed to buy planes exclusively from Boeing for the next two decades in return for quick delivery and discounted prices, lo a statement on Thursday, Boeing expressed confidence that an agreement with the pilots would be reached in the "near term" and that the plane order would then go for-

ward. Investors seem willing to bide their time, as well, Shares in AMR were off marginally oo the day after the vote, falling \$1.50, to \$86.625. The stock finished the week at \$85.125, down \$1.50.

As Mr. Crandall begins his glide path toward retirement, last week's selback was a fitting addition to the lwists and turns of his storied career, a mix of industry milestones and miscues.

Since Mr. Crandall took over as president in 1980 - he became chairman and chief execotive in 1985 -American's innovations have ranged

effective bosses in the country. "American Takes On the World," read the headline on a cover article of Fortune magazine in September 1990.

But in the early 90's, a big decline in travel prompted by the Persian Gulf war, combined with overambitious expansion, plunged the cyclical airline industry into its deepest trough ever, causing it to lose bilhons upon billions of dollars.

American's stock, which reached a high of \$107 a share in 1989, turnbled during this period and has yet to recover completely. For some time now, investors have held the company to a different standard from other airlines. While American is widely perceived as a well-run company that occasionally blunders - sometimes badly - most other major airlines are viewed these days as in need of a turnaround or as recent turnaround successes. That is why the stock prices of newly rejuvenaied airline companies like Continental and UAL, the parent of United, have far outpaced American's in terms of percentage gains.

American is a more steady performer, said Kevin C. Murphy, an industry analyst at Morgan Stanley. "They didn't have much low-hanging fruit to pick."

At the industry's nadir, in the early 1990's, Mr. Crandall saw labor costs as American's big problem. Those costs left the airline's competitive position so bleak, he said then, that the company might have to shrink sharply and perhaps even largely abandon the airline business for subsidiary operations. The pilots had their own ideas about fixing American, and they commissioned a study in 1993 to suggest ways to run

things better. Mr. Crandall's frustration and Impatience boiled over. In a meeting that September with analysts in New York, Mr. Crandall said the pilots' plan would ruin the airline. That plan, never adopted, would have used more American planes for shuttle-type service.

"If the pilots were in charge, Columbus would still be in port," he had said. "They believe the assertion

that the world is flat." Such remarks served only to widen the gulf between the two sides, many industry experts said. And Mr. Crandall, whose analytical skills help him win many a debate, has not been able to convince the pilots of

much recently. and to preserve un-People who

billboard smile and retro-slick hair. still maintains his Mick Jagger-thin body. He is still driven, even defiantly so — he runs several miles a day on his treadmill (but refuses to give up his smoking habil). And he still practices the power breakfast, as he demonstrated during last month's interview, sending back his lone oyster.

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than anything else is pride," he said. "Every day I get up with some idea of what we can do to make the company beller." He wants American's

than those of its competitors, and he wants the airline to be considered the best in the world, something that he acknowledges he is not yet convinced of himself.

But he has, by all accounts, also throttled back the fire-breathing intensity! Those who know him say that his legendary bark is still there - and it seems to grow loudest when talking about the pilots - but some of the angry bile is gone.

in a speech in New York last month, Mr. Crandall - the man who has likened the airline industry to legalized warfare - stressed the need for all carriers to work together more effectively. "We must recognize that doing our best sometimes requires cooperation as well as competition," he said.

He is even changing his confrontational approach to Washington, Now, he is trying to build relationships, he sald, rather than simply showing up to deliver a forceful message.

Mr. Crandall's wife, Jan, said in an interview that her husband also seemed less rushed these days. "Most nights, he does not want the dinner hour to end," she said. "He wants to slt and talk."

And when he talks, Mr. Crandall often has something interesting to say. He predicted, for example, that the rush by airlines to pair off in alllances will lead to even bigger groupings, providing new opportunities to save money. If, for example, the partner airlines collectively planned their new plane purchases so the cockpils were the same for each type of aircraft, the pilots of each airline could fly one another's Record Profits, Large Executive Boplanes. That way, the atrlines could probably get more use each day out of their flying factories, which would help lower costs.

But the pilots clearly have a very personal beef with Mr. Crandall, particularly over his compensation. lo 1988, to get him to turn down a job offer from a competing airline, AMR's board granted Mr. Crandall an award of stock, to be distributed in eight annual installments. The

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stock was valued at \$12 million at the time. The value of AMR's shares has increased by more than 150 percent since then. Since that award was made, Mr. Crandall's regular annual compen-

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sation has typically been less than \$1 million. Last year, when American's revenues were about \$16 billion, he received \$662,500 in salary, with no bonus.

Still, many pilots think he is overpaid. A cartoon in the May 1996 issue of their union's magazine, Flight Line, shows Mr. Crandail running an AMR staff meeting. He is pointing to a sign on the wall next to him. Titled "AMR Traosition Plan," the sign has an arrow pointing from a dollar sign to a likeness of his face. "Get it from the pilots," the cartoon shows

Mr. Crandall saying. The cartoon is part of a package of articles on AMR executive compensation that includes a time line showing how Mr. Crandall's pay, with the big stock award factored in, was increasing as he was winning concessions from pilots. The cover of the magazine reads: "The Amazing AMR Corp. Magic Show! Featuring Increased Executive Salarles,

nuses. Plus ... the Newest Trick Watch in Awe as Pilot Pay Cuts Appear Before Your Very Eyes!!!" "He's getting increases in compensation because of the money he's

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from frequent-flier mileage to puter reservation systems to sophisticated software for setting fares. "If you're not the lead dog," he is fond of saying, "the view never changes." But there have been times when he has demanded the lead-dog positioo and the rest of the team has not

followed. lo 1992, he tried to force on the entire industry his so-called valuepricing idea - a drastic change in the way fares are structured that eliminated deep discounts to big corporate customers. He made no effort to build consensus in advance, and his competitors and customers

balked. Within months, he declared the idea dead. Mr. Crandall, said Mr. Onstad, the former F.A.A. counsel, has had "a large number of imitators, but very

few followers." it is a problem that even Mr. Crandall recognizes. "Nobody wants to he ar about it," he says of his opposition to the widespread practice of code sharing, under which two airlines market flights jointly in the computer reservation system. Mr. Crandall says that the practice is deceptive to consumers, who can book a flight on one airline only to wind up on another, and that he has reluctantly joined the trend so American can remain competitive. Some day, Mr. Crandall said, people will wonder why they did not

listen to him. Plenty of people were listening in the early 80's, when Mr. Crandall instituted a two-tier wage contract, expaoded the airline's hub-andspoke system and invested about \$20 billion in new planes and other equipment. Those moves enabled him to a different union.) expand more rapidly than his competitors. By the end of that decade, the industry was making money and Mr. Crandall was lauded in the me-

natural work restrictions or unnatural inefficiencies are kidding themselves," he said at last mooth's breakfast meeting, his first wideranging interview in more than two years. "I get very impatient with them."

He added: "My inability to persuade them that their self-interest is oriented toward growth, even if growth has to occur in ways that they think are not optimal, is very frustrating. My frustrations are completely a reflection of my desire to see the airline do more and do

better." American's pilots earn more than most of their counterparts at United States carriers, according to Air Inc., a career consulting firm for pilots. While the American pilots start out low, earning less than \$30,000 a year, they can get more than \$200,000 a year by the time they retire, at age 60. Over a 30-year career that began in 1996, they would average \$125,000 annually (in current dollars), not including other benefits or retirement plans, Air Inc. said. American's profit-sharing plan is also among the most generous in

the industry.

Many pilots said their vote last week was for higher pay and against the company's desire to introduce jets to the fleet of its American Eagle commuter subsidiary, fearing that the planes would be used to take over some of their routes, thereby threatening their jobs. (The pilots at American Eagle are represented by

They said the vote was not meant as a rebuke of Mr. Crandall, who, in fact, sent his president, Donald J. Carty, to reach the tentative agree-

saviog the company," said Glenn Schafer, a pilot who helped to coordinate a lobbying effort among his colleagues to vote against the tentative labor agreement. "Mr. Crandall is a brilliant man, but at a certain point in time it becomes unethical and immoral for corporations to use employees to push downward on wages and working conditions to increase their own compensation," he said.

In last month's interview, Mr. Crandall said the pilots were way off base. "The idea that I'm going to get individually rich if the company does well just isn't right," he said. "That isn'i the way compensation plans are structured. It hasn'l happened and it isn't going to happen."

Mr. Crandall received some backing recently when Graef Crystal, the widely quoted expert on executive compensation, wrote an article for the November issue of D, a maga-zine about Dallas, called "The Most Overpaid (and Underpaid) Chief Executives in Dallas." The section titled, "Why Robert Crandall Doesn't Make Enough Money" has its own carloonish illustration, showing Mr. Crandall holding out a cup, as a beggar would, by the side of a road. By Mr. Crystal's calculations, Mr. Crandall's total compensation package, including the stock award, was 69 percent less over the last three years than that of chief executives running companies of similar size with similar profitability.

"By my way of thinking, this is exemplary behavior," Mr. Crystal said m an interview. "He would certainly be a finalist in the Mother Teresa contest of C.E.O.'s in America."

This idea of a simplified fleet was part of the logic behind the big Boeing order by American: one make of aircraft lowers training costs for pilots and mechanics, and also cuts inventory costs for spare paris.

Yes, Mr. Crandall conceded, such sharing of planes could create a logistical and operational nightmare. It also, of course, would be a problem for American's pilots. And how would he sort out the issue of liability in a crash caused by a pilot from one of the other partner airlines?

"Well, life is going to get more complicated," he said. "But life is already pretty complicated."

fi can also be pretty frustrating as he was reminded last week. But perhaps sooner than many people think, Mr. Crandall may put that frustration behind him.

"I have no immediate plan to retire, but I probably won't stay until I'm 65," he said. "There will be a graceful time to leave."

When he does, he will have plenty to do, he said. He wants to improve his sailing skills as well as his singing and piano playing. There is also more gardening to do with his wife And books to read - particularly histories and biographies.

"Every day of my life after I stop working, I'm going to spend two or three hours reading," he said. "I can't imagine ever running out of things that f haven't gotten to yet."

After American, he said, he is unlikely to work in the airline business again. "My identification with American is so intense, to do anything in this industry would require being competitive with American," he said. "I would never want to do that."

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### THE NEW YORK TIMES EDITORIALS/LETTERS SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 1997

THE JERUSALEM POST

To the Editor:

George J. Annas and Michael A.

The factual argument has its roots

in the brute fact that there are some

terminally ill patients who wish to

die a dignified death. The legal argu-

ment has its roots in the notion that

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the state's right to restrict the prac-

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Not Everybody Knows

Your assertion (editorial, Jan. 6)

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To the Editor:

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## The Republicans' Moment of Truth

In the annals of obstructive behavior, it would be hard to match the tactics of Newt Gingrich's Republican friends. First, they re-elected Mr. Gingrich as House Speaker before the ethics committee had completed its inquiry into his activities. Then they said the vote on his punishment would be held before the committee issued its final report. Then they tried to shorten the public hearings and deny the committee's special counsel the money oeeded to finish his work. The clear message from all these actions is that the Republicans want to squelch any serious inquiry into Mr. Gingrich's suitability for his job.

But the questions of Mr. Gingrich's fitness for high office are now more urgent than ever. As reported Friday by The Times's Adam Clymer. there is oow a tape recording of a conversation between Mr. Gingrich and his senior Republican colleagues in the House in which they discuss ways to orchestrate an attack on the ethics committee's charges - despite an agreement Mr. Gingrich's lawyers made with the committee to do no such thing. In a sense, the discussion parallels what Mr. Gingrich was accused of doing in the original ethics charge - disdaining the rules when he set up a college course, financed by tax-exempt foundations, as part of the Republican electoral strategy in 1994.

The ethics committee must realize that the integrity of Congress Itself is on the line. Given the public's growing revulsion over arrogance and political corruption, it is scarcely believable that the 105th session of Congress is opening on such a blatantly cynical note.

Only a few days remain for Representative Nancy Johnson of Connecticut to rescue her reputation and that of her committee from the tatters to which it has been reduced. The committee should open for business tomorrow, as originally planned. The special counsel, James Cole, should be allowed to present his conclusions about what Mr. Gingrich did, followed by hearings. Then the committee should decide Mr. Gingrich's punishment and issue a report. Then some time should elapse. Then the House should vote.

The process need not be drawn out. Neither should it be rushed. A vote by the House on Feb. 4, when it returns to Washington for the State of the Union Message, makes vastly more sense than holding the vote on Jan. 21, as the Republican leadership now insists. It makes no sense to vote until after Mr. Cole completes his report, and he has made it clear that he needs more time.

Mr. Cole, a former Justice Department prosecutor, needs to be listened to. Right now, Mr. Gingrich has in effect pleaded guilty to two misdeeds be characterizes as technical - filing false information to the ethics committee about the college course he was teaching and failing to consult lawyers about whether he was violating tax laws in tapping funds from tax-exempt foundations for the course. But to decide the punishment, Congress needs to know what the evidence shows about Mr. Gingrich's intent. It appears, for example, that the course was set up only after it was clear that the Speaker's own political-action committee had run out of funds, and there was a need to get other funds to help elect Republicans.

The question before the House is whether there was a systematic effort by the Speaker to defraud the Treasury by raising tax-exempt funds for a course clearly aimed at buttressing the Republican cause and then misrepresenting what he was doing to the public and the ethics committee. Only a thorough hearing of the evidence can answer that question to the satisfaction of the House members who must decide Mr. Gingrich's fate.

## Chance to Ban Chemical Weapons

With the world's most ambitious effort to ban chemical weapons rapidly taking shape, the United States stands awkwardly on the sidelines, in the embarrassing company of parlah nations like Iraq and Libya. This is because Senate Republicans, at the behest of Presidential candidate Bob Dole, scuttled an expected ratification vote on the Chemical Weapons Convention last fall. Rather than accept the crippling amendments these senators demanded, the Clinton Administration withdrew the treaty from Senate consideration. As a new Senate session begins, Trent Lott, the majority leader, can make amends and demonstrate statesmanship by bringing the agreement up for an early vote and gathering enough Republican Support to assure the needed two-thirds majority. The Chemical Weapons Convention bans the development, production, stockpiling and use of chemical weapons. It is backed by a rigorous international inspection system and restrictions on trade in commercially used chemicals that can be turned into weapons ingredients. It represents a substantial advance over the Geneva Convention of 1925, which only prohibits countries from initiating the use of chemical weapons in combat. Republicans should not have much trouble warming to this agreement. Most of its provisions were shaped by negotiators from the Republican Administrations of Ronald Reagan and George Bush. The United States signed the convention in the waning days of Mr. Bush's Presidency. More than 160 countries have signed the agreement and 67 have ratified it. The convention's administrative staff and corps of inspectors formally begin operations in April. But until the United States ratifies, American citizens will be ineligible

to serve on these bodies - forfelting the chance to influence budgetary decisions and inspection practices that American negotiators worked hard to secure. The \$60 billion annual export business of America's chemical industry also faces risks. In a few years tough trade restrictions come into effect ainst countries that have not ratified the convenag tion. The chemical industry estimates that could cost the United States \$600 million in lost exports every year ratification is delayed. In opposing the treaty last fall, Mr. Dole and others cited the potential for undetected violations. the allegedly burdensome requirements on American chemical companies and the number of other countries that had either not yet signed or not ratified the convention. The Pentagon acknowledges that some chemicals could elude the inspection system but says no militarily significant quantities could get through. Violations would, in any event, be more readily detected with the treaty than without it. The United States chemical industry helped negotiate the inspection and paperwork rules for commercial companies and strongly supports treaty ratification. Since last fall, China bas completed all but the last diplomatic formalities of ratification and Russia's parliament has taken important initial steps. Most of the other major military powers, like Britain, France, Germany and India, bave ratified. A majority of senators have declared their support for the treaty, including Republicans like Richard Lugar of Indiana, Ted Stevens of Alaska and John Warner of Virginia. Bringing support to the two-thirds threshold is up to Mr. Lott. It seems an ideal opportunity for him to rise above partisanship and act in the interest of all Americans.

## 'Intent' Has No Part in Assisted Suicide Debate

#### To the Editor:

In their attack on physician-assisted suicide, George J. Annas and Michael A. Grodin (Op-Ed, Jan. 8) distinguish between a physician prescribing sedatives intending to cause death and one prescribing sedatives intending to relieve pain, even when the pain-relieving dose is likely to cause death. The former is a villain; the latter a saint. "Intent matters," the authors say. Perhaps so, but the "intent" to which they refer is mental and subjective. It has never had status in any legal system, and it should not, because its existence is not verifiable. Dr. A prescribes a lethal dose, intendpain will end. Dr. B prescribes a lethal the consequences the same.

nas distinguished the intent of A from the intent of B, but he had recourse to a God who could tell them apart. American judges, lacking a cosmic connection, must base their judgment on observable behavior and reasonably foreseeable consequences. They must view A and B as both villams, or DOUGLAS P. LACKEY both saints. New York, Jan. 8, 1997

### 'Sentence First — Verdict Afterward'?

### To the Editor:

Re your Jan. 9 editorial on the Supreme Court's decisioo that in sentencing a convicted defendant, Federal judges may take into account previous charges, even though the defendant was acquitted of them:

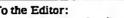
an important distinction between differing burdens of proof - proof beyond a reasonable doubt in the guilt phase and proof by a preponderance of the evidence in sentencing. But no careful parsing of when and where the different burdens of proof apply can still the uneasy feeling that there is something amiss in a legal system in which juries or judges, as if in Alice's Wonderland, could discover that up is down and down is up, that the same person is both innocent and guilty of committing the very same act.

There is more at stake in the Court's decision than mere lawyerly quibbles about burdens of proof. As you say, the decision undercuts the jury system. It also separates legal procedures from common-sense moral judgment and sends an unsettling message about the roles of juries at a time when our increasingly pluralistic society needs some mechanism for putting to rest deeply disputed questions of fact. Social peace depends in no small measure on the extent to which all of us can have confidence that a jury's verdict, especially in criminal cases involving hotly contested social issues, does indeed speak the truth. If a verdict is incomprehensible except for what it says about the pros-

dose, intending that pain cease but The Doctor's Role foreseeing that death will occur. Short of telepathy, how can a judge distinguish the intent of A from that of B? The behavior is the same, and

in the 13th century, Thomas Aqui-

ing to cause death but foreseeing that The author is a professor of philosophy at Baruch College, CUNY.



The Court focused on what it said is



ecution's ability to meet its burdeo of proof, then why should any conflict cease? Why should anyone be satisfied with, or abide by, that verdict? Only if the Supreme Court projects confidence that what is found by a jury is more than a probabilistic judgment based on the artificial conventions of legal proof can we begin to rebuild the essential confidence in trial by jury that has been so shaken by the cases of Rodney King, O. J. Simpson and countless others. Unfortunately, the Court's decision in this case, though it will be less noted and less celebrated than those others, is yet another serious blow to that confi-AUSTIN SARAT

Amberst, Mass., Jan. 9, 1997 The writer is o professor of political science at Amherst College.

design created to deprive millions of

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no one, pot even Ms. Steinem, would

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Supreme Court, Not Pornographer, Is the Hero of 'Larry Flynt' feeling of respect, admiration or even gratitude for the individuals who bave caused a reaffirmation of

equate printed obscenity, however the Bill of Rights. As a signatory and contributor to aberrant and abhorrent, with mass the full-page advertisement that ap-It is regrettable that Hustler depeared in The New York Times some picted Ms. Steinem in such a vulgar years ago supporting Mr. Flynt's and objectionable manner. But it is rights, I was treated to a token of his also regrettable that she uses my gratitude: a videotape of news rets chronicling his court v - interspersed with graphic scenes of various sexual acts. Mr. Flynt had seemingly concluded that we bad endorsed his taste as well as his rights. He was mistaken. To my mind, one fact has been underreported: Neither Mr. Forman nor his producers felt comfortable in presenting any of the images that were and are the heart and soul of Hustler magazine. The Supreme Court liberated Larry Flynt. Why not "Larry Flyot"? .. PETER STONE New York, Jan. 7, 1997 The writer is a screenwriter. , •

numerous other members of the medical community. Rather than prescribing death, physicians responsibly offer terminally ill patients emotional support, pain management, pailiative care and respect for rights. History bas shown that basing legal policy and precedent on ruminations of what "everybody knows" is dangerous. Let's not repeat that his-CARL RESTIVO JR., M.D. tory. Jersey City, Jan. 9, 1997

The writer is president-elect of the Medical Society of New Jersey.

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### A Threat to the Adirondacks

If anyone needed a reasoo why it was important for New Yorkers to pass the environmental bond act last November, Marylou Whitney has just provided one. Mrs. Whitney, the heir to one of America's great fortunes, is also the owner of one of America's largest unspoiled tracts of private wilderness. 51,000 acres of forests, streams and lakes in New York's Adirondack Park. She now proposes to subdivide 15,000 acres of that land into 40 lots averaging about 300 acres. Mrs. Whitney promises to take precautions to protect the environment, but common sense suggests that chopping 15,000 acres of contiguous wilderness into what her press release calls "40 exclusive shoreline estates" would be ecologically harmful.

Mrs. Whitney has submitted her scheme to the Adirondack Park Agency, which in effect operates as the zoning commission for the park's six million acres. That agency is now dominated by people who favor development over conservation and is therefore likely to approve the plan. If it does, and if market conditions are right, the developers will come running with bids - unless Gov. George Pataki moves first.

Encouragingly, Mr. Pataki said Wednesday that the state would try to buy the land. We hope he holds to that promise, because adding Mrs. Whitney's land to the state's forest preserve would be a far better outcome than selling it to developers. Of course, the price has to be right. Since 1990, environmental and recreation groups have tried to persuade Albany to buy all 51,000 acres, and there have been suggestions that Mrs. Whitney's latest plan is a

ploy to drive up the price the state will ultimately have to pay for her entire holdings. She denies this, but the figures being bandied about - as much as \$4,000 an acre - would imply a total outlay of \$60 million for the 15,000 acres alone.

That is more than half the \$100 millioo in the state's Environmental Protection Fund, which must cover a wide range of needs. It would eat up much of the \$150 million reserved for land acquisition under the environmental bond act - money that is supposed to be distributed statewide, not just to Mrs. Whitney's wallet. But if Mr. Pataki bargains hard and thinks creatively, he can work things out.

For bargaining, he can call upon a shrewd negotiator, his counsel Michael Finnegan, who played a major role in crafting a deal between New York City and upstate communities to clean up the city's water supply. As for creativity, Mr. Pataki should try to tap as many funding sources as possible so as not to put too much strain on any ooe revenue stream. The bond act, for example, provides money not only for land acquisition but also for watershed protection, and the Whitney property includes some of the Adirondacks' most valuable lakes. He might seek money from the Interior Department's Land and Water Conservation Fund, which was established for precisely this purpose.

Although Mr. Pataki is unlikely to move ahead oo any environmental project without consulting the State Legislature, the bond act gives the Governor and his executive agencies the upper hand in drawing up spending priorities. The Whitney estate should be at or near the top of that list.

does not glamorize Larry Flynt, even if we have not presented him as the incarnation of pure evil envisioned and demanded by Ms. Steinem.

I am puzzled and disappointed by

Gloria Steinem's misrepresentations

(Op-Ed, Jan. 7) of the film "The

People vs. Larry Flynt," which I

directed. To support her attack, she

blurs or erases the clear distinction

between the goals, philosophy and

themes of my movie and those of

To the Editor:

Hustler magazine.

Despite her assertio

Artists bave always been drawn to the compelling mystery of ambiguity and of gray areas. The certainties of black and white are best left to the clergy. Was it courage, rage or selfinterest that propelled Larry Flynt through the many battles that culminated in the Supreme Court? Gleeful disturber-of-the-peace or tenacious fighter for freedom of expressioo? Was Oskar Schindler, the German industrialist who protected Jews from the Nazis, a rogue or a hero? Did he save lives for humane reasons or use slave labor for very profitable results?

Ms. Steinem invokes the Nazi terror to bolster her assault oo me and the film. Despite my own distaste for pornography, one must acknowledge the vast gulf between vulgarity and a

### Government for Sale: Contributors Welcome

#### To the Editor:

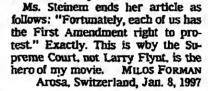
The Jan 5 Week in Review article 'Asian Money,' American Fears'' ts a perfect example of how the American left continues to cast issue after issue in racial terms. The issue of foreign contributors

donating money to Democratic Party campaign coffers is not one of American prejudice. The real issue is that the Democratic Party left the impression with the American public that these illegal donations may have influenced American foreign policy. The larger issue is that Americans are sick and tired of having the Government up for sale, particularly the Presidency. JAMES S. BROWN Chicago, Jan. 7, 1997

### To the Editor:

The Jan 5 Week in Review article "Asian Money," American Fears" implies the implausibility of Japanese-owned American movie studios' killing scripts that are unflattering to the Japanese people or those things they hold in high esteem. The Times welcomes letters from

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work as a weapon of retaliation.

### The Best and the Worst To the Editor:

Gloria Steinem gets its right "Hollywood Cleans Up Hustler," Op-Ed, Jan. 7). None of us mvolved m motion pictures can deny Milos Forman's talent; no one who has seen "The People vs. Larry Flynt" can disparage his directorial skills.

Further, few can argue with the inherent political statement: It often takes the worst of us to provoke the arguments that protect the rest of us. even the best of us. But that sentence does not automatically require any

Your newspaper has reported at least two incidents when such pres-

sure was brought to bear. A Nov. 20, 1991, front-page article reported that after Matsushita acquired Universal Pictures as part of the MCA deal, the studio changed the plot of the film "Mr. Baseball" to make the American hero accept the Japanese approach to the all-American sport.

A Feb. 5, 1992, article reported that the Sony-owned Tristar Pictures dropped "Hell Camp" after 15 months of preparation time and expense because the Sumo Association of Japan found its portrayals of sumo wrestlers somehow."unflatter-ALAN R. WEEKS New York, Jan. 5, 1997

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Women's 'Place' To the Editor:

Gloria Steinem's monocular vision notwithstanding, "pornography" is no more a single-faceted entity than the mainstream culture it derives from or teminism itself. Her Jan. 7 Op-Ed article, although it discusses Milos Forman's film "The People vs. Larry Flynt," is actually a rehash of 15 years of anti-pornography arguments. But there are committed, longtime feminists, like me, who believe that, like the culture at large, pornography consists of many degrading images of women and a few liberating images. Some of us also believe that pornog-

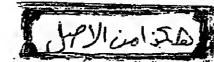
raphy, situated at the margins of that culture, reflects but does not cause the oppression of women, and that to throw stones at it is to waste our time attacking a reflection while leaving that which it reflects standing.

In such a view, if all pornography disappeared tomorrow, sexism would emerge unscathed; whereas, if we succeeded in rooting out sexism, pornography as we know it would fade away. So would such equally degrading Madison Avenue images as the commercials that have taught more women their "place" than all the copies of Hustler magazine ever printed. JUDITH MAHONEY PASTERNAK New York, Jan. 8, 1997

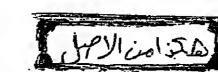
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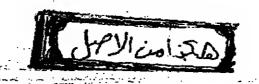
To the Editor:

Your Jan 8 editorial on the reelection of Newt Gingrich as Speaker is shocking. One always appreciated that your views were slanted left. This was considered good because a diversity of opinion is what democracy is about. However, hysteria over an offense equivalent to jay walking - Mr. Gingrich's admission or this offense was a tactic to take the ammunition from those exercising a vendetta - is beyond reason. It appears that you have made a sharp left turn. SAELDON SILVERSTON New York; Jan 8, 1997



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## Forget the Bells and Whistles

### By Michael K. Deaver

this particular inauguration?

If any President was entitled to an

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WASHINGTON he staging is nearly in place for President Clipton's second maugural. With tents sprouting on the Mall, with souvenirs being

China's going to have a free press. Oh, China's leaders don't know it hawked on QVC and with laser shows being installed to Washington hotel yet, but they are being pushed ballrooms, it appears as if we're in straight in that direction. Just look at for another star-studded celebratory what happened in the last two weeks gala. of December. But is this the appropriate tone for

During 1996 the two hottest stock markets in Asia were in China - the Shanghal and Shenzhen stock exchanges. Between April 1 and Dec. 9, Shanghai's composite index was up 120 percent, while Shenzhen's was up 315 percent.

One reason these two stock markets are so hot is that they are so unregulated, and one reason they are so unregulated is that China has only the most rudimentary securities and exchange system, and it has virtually no independent, responsible, uncorrupted financial press that can credibly highlight the quality stocks and brutally expose those flim-flam Chinese companies that don't report timely, accurate or transparent financial data. Barrons, Fortune, Business Week, the Far Eastern Economic Review, The Wall Street Journal and this paper

play that watchdog role every day. Last December, China's Govern-ment realized the Shanghal and Shenzhen markets were out of control --because of all sorts of wild speculation and unsavory trading practices - but its tools for dealing with this were limited to one 'sledgehammer: the state-owned press. So, on Dec. 16 The People's Daily, China's official paper, published a blaring editorial warning that stock prices had been pushed to "irrational" and "abnormal" levels.

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Guess what happened? Everyone tried to sell at once, both markets plunged and a lot of little investors got hurt - so many that police had to keep order among furious investors who staged protests outside brokerage houses in several major Chinese citles. The Asian Wall Street Journal reported: "Outside a brokerage house in Beijing, a worker groused that he'd lost 20,000 yuan (about \$2,400) so far this week ... 'Before the People's Dal-ly opened its mouth, there was a balance between buying and selling, a man in a leather jacket declared, to shouts of approval from dozens of

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### ral, I thought we needed to look be- tro of smoke and mirrors." youd the immediate momeot to find our focus. The result was a quieter day than might otherwise have occurred, and I think the sense of pause we achieved made a real contribution to President Reagan's second

term. President Clinton would do well to look to President Reagan's example. After ail, he hardly won a convincing mandate. Only 48 percent of those eligible to vote found it within themselves to do so, making for the lowest voter turnout ever. As Mr. Clinton is painfully aware, he is only the second President - Woodrow Wilson was the first - to win two terms without winning a majority of votes in either of his races.

ald Reagan in January 1985. After To add to his troubles, President all, with 59 percent of the vote, he Clioton continues to be confronted by trounced Walter Mondale to win a a Republican majority in both houses second term. But Mr. Reagan was a of Congress. And, as he himself remodest man with a sense of history. cently said, we as a nation seem While planning his second inaugustuck in a spiritual funk.

Under the circumstances, my ad-Michael K. Deaver, director of global vice to President Clinton would be to public affairs for Edelman Public tone things down. Relations Worldwide, was chairman

There will be those who say such advice is gratuitous coming from me, the "vicar of spin," the "maesBut I'll say it again. Ecough of the

bells and whistles, Mr. President. In your speech, cut to the chase. There's work to be done and little time to build the bridge to the 21st century

We've heard plenty about problems and solutions from both sides. What we need is leadership. We need a President who can show us the way out ol our cynicism and sense of

### Inauguration Day tips from the 'vicar of spin.'

malaise. We need a President who can shift the national mindset, who can infose us with ambition and optimism, who can change the terms of our public debates.

l am convinced that more of us than not would really appreciate President Clinton if he could find a will be dancing in the streets.

way on Inauguration Day to roll up his sleeves, sit down with the Republican leaders of Congress and begin solving problems rather than simply staving off crises. l don't mean to sound sanctimo-

nious. There was a time when I oever missed a Republican victory party. And the fact is that President Clinton won and thus deserves to toot his saxophone at one or more of the inaugurai balis.

Still, if President Clinton cares how history will finally review his Presidency, less will mean more on Jan. 20. I would thus suggest something simple. After the swearing-in ceremony, President Clinton should walk back into the Capitol, forgo the traditional ceremonial lunch and meet with the Congressional Republican leadership for an honest-togoodness, nose-to-the-grindstone work session. If they can agree on just a few priorities for the next year, that would really ring the nation's bells and whistles.

So President Clinton, forget the New Millennium, tha Mall and the inaugural balls - and Americans



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MAUREEN DOWD

WASHINGTON Dick Morris once said that every time Bill Clioton had a problem, he got a poll in his head.

That, as it turns out, was a sad understatement

Every time Bill Clinton had a vacation, he got a poll in his head.

In 1995, worried that the Clintons' last vacation sailing with Jackie O. in Martha's Vineyard had not been suitably populist, Mr. Morris recommended that the President go on a mountain vacation with high-tech gear. A White House poll on "life-style clusters" had shown that swing voters liked camping, hiking and technology.

The President dutifully went camping and hiking in a national park, but was grumpy afterward.

"That's the first vacation I've taken that didn't help me in the polls,' Mr. Clinton sald irritably upon his return, according to Mr. Morris's new memoir. "The first one. After all my other vacations, I've always risen a point or two. This vacation I didn't go up at all."

Dick Morris, guru, savior, weasel

### How many points for camping?

has produced his book, "Behind the Oval Office." It is, of course, a story of passion and betrayal.

But in this bodice ripper, the bodice doesn't belong to the call girl who caused Mr. Morris's expulsion from paradise. Like all Washington love stories, the intimacy is between two men. The unholy tale of a President and pollster locked, like a couple of bookies, in an obsessive relationship about point spreads.

"Like the elusive Rochester in the life of Jane Eyre, Clinton would unpredictably, suddeoly flit into and out of my life," Mr. Morris thrills.

The prose is panting. When, Mr. Clinton's lips curled into a sneer, Mr. Morris's blood froze. Before the Presnt remembered

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### China's stock markets and a free press.

other investors. After that, nobody has dared buy. The market is sink-

Today, 21 million Chinese own stock. With so many new shareholders, lots of stock-oriented newspapers and magazines bave sprung up. But none really reported effectively on regulatory lapses, or on the stateowned enterprises that were manipulating the markets; or on the Chinese banks that were improperly speculating on stocks, so these papers were little more than tout sheets at a horse race track.

Indeed, a commentary to the Communist Party newspaper Renmin Ribao stated: "A number of media organizations have played a significant role in boosting the market by consistently predicting rises and seldom cautioning investors against risks."

The moral of this story: Sure China's rapid growth allows it to resist external pressure for change. It's so big now it can buy off everybody by dangling huge contracts. But China's rapid growth actually fuels internal pressures for change, by creating new constituencies - like shareholders -who demand reform for their own selfinterest. Over time, China's leaders simply can't control and monitor their bursting free markets, or prevent litthe people from getting hurt and then rioting against the Government, without the other institutions that must go with free markets - from an effective S.E.C. to a free and responsible press backed by rule of law.

Of course, China's authoritarian leaders don't want a free and responsible press that might also criticize them. So how do they balance that concern with their growing self-interest in a press that could help them monitor markets and prevent the worst excesses? That's their problem. But it's important to understand that this is now their problem, and that there are these internal pressures on them to look at the press differently, and that therefore U.S. human rights policy on China should try to nurture that trend. (Let's send them a delegation led by Arthur Levitt, head of the S.E.C., and some big-time business editors - instead of more Tarzan, chest-pounding lectures from State Department human rights officers.) One thing that contributed to the

Soviet Union's collapse was the nuclear meltdown at Chernobyl. Without a responsible free press, Chernobyl rumors ran wild. They were even worse than reality and they devastated what little confidence there was in the Soviet regime. I hope it won't take a meltdown of the Shanghal stock market to spur a free press in China.



## A 'Peace Process' as Deadly as War

Out" and a united Ireland.

DUBLIN Ireland, could be secured. he so-called peace process in Northern Ireland is disintegrating fast. It started to fail

apart last January when the Irish Republican Army, after the bombing of Canary Wharf in London, announced the end of its "cessation of military operations."

By Conor Cruise O'Brien

Despite increasingly effective countermaasures by the security forces in Northern Ireland, mainland Britain and the Republic of Ireland. the I.R.A. in recent weeks bas stepped up its terror campaign, the most spectacular example being its daylight rocket attack on Monday against a security post outside the Northern Ireland High Court. There is now no doubt that the I.R.A. iotends to keep up its terror, as much and as long as it can.

The fact is that the term "peace process" has been, from the beginning, merely a slogan for securing political advantages for Roman Catholics and nationalists, who want independence from Britain.

The peace process, as long as it lasted, was fueled by "Hume-Adams," the loose and equivocal but powerful alliance between John Hume, the prominent mainstream Catholic leader and leader of the Social Democratic and Labor Party, and Gerry Adams, the leader of Sinn

This partnership was enthusiastically supported by the political parties that are basically Catholic and nationalist. Sino Fein is, and has always been, the political arm of the I.R.A. and could not have entered into the peace process without the I.R.A.'s approval and backing.

The I.R.A. had its own reasons for according a cease-fire, which was all it ever did accord, three and a half years ago. After 20 years of guerrilla warfare, it was still far from attaining what have always been, and remain, its political objectives: "Brits

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So the I.R.A. was open to a ceasefire, with the idea that political advances, in the direction of a united self

The respectable nationalist political parties, both io the Irish Republic and in Northern Ireland, claimed in chorus that the cease-fire was "permanent." Sinn Fein seemed at first to corroborate the "permanent" theory but later withdrew this pretense, presumably under orders from the I.R.A., which had defined the ceasefire as a "complete cessation of violence."

"Complete" and "permanent" are not synonymous, though the moderate nationalists did their best to pretend that they were.

During the cease-fire, the I.R.A. escalated its threats to resume violence if there was no progress toward a united Ireland (which most

> The I.R.A. was never serious about keeping the cease-fire.

people in Northern Ireland don't want).

The moderate nationalists, who had previously proclaimed the peace process to be permanent, now changed their tune. The peace process was in danger, and the British were loudly denounced for failing to provide the concessions - such as admitting Sinn Fein to broad-based talks - that would "save it."

Looming in the background of this whole debate was the I.R.A.'s huge arsenal. At an early stage, the more naïve of the moderate "peace processors" - notably Ireland's Foreign Minister, Dick Spring - had urged the I.R.A. to agree to some measure of disarmament.

But when Sinn Fein conveyed the I.R.A.'s cold refusal, Mr. Spring promptly reversed himself. Very soon he was denouncing the British

for "undermining the peace process" by insisting on the very measure that he had once called for him-

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All that was in the dying days of the cease-fire. When the I.R.A. actually resumed its violence with Canary Wharf, where two people died, its genuinely pacific allies in the peace process were naturally shaken. Shaken, but not totally deterred. Prime Minister John Bruton of

ireland broke off direct relations with Sinn Fein but allowed officials of the Department of Foreign Affairs to cootinue their direct discussions with the party. And many commentators and citizens in the Republic continued to blame not those actually responsible for "the breakdown of the cease-fire" - the I.R.A. leaders - but the British for failing to make adequate concessions.

That is how it was for most of last year. But very recently there have been signs of a change, in a direction unfavorable to the I.R.A. The "Hume-Adams" alliance is increasingly strained. Recently, Sinn Fein suggested an alliance between the two parties for cootesting the coming United Kingdom elections. Mr. Hume's reply to this suggestion has been colder than anything he bas said to Sinn Fein since the beginning of the peace process more than five years ago. He laid down two conditions for an electoral pact.

The first was that the I.R.A. must resume the cease-fire. That probably did not surprise Sinn Fein, and might not prove an insurmountable obstacie. A cease-fire could be allowed to break down once the election was over.

It is the second component of Mr. Hume's reply that must have alarmed Sinn Fein and the I.R.A. Mr. Hume called oo Sinn Fein to drop its traditional policy whereby its parliamentary candidates refuse to take their seats at Westminster if elected. According to Mr. Hume, Sinn Fein should be ready to take its seats, which would give the oationalist representatives almost the same number of seats as the unionists to Parliament.

And Mr. Hume made this call in an astringent manner, which must have surprised Sinn Fein after all these years of emolliency. Mr. Hume posed

these questions of Sinn Fein leaders: "Is their concern really to maximize oationalist representation, or is it rather to win partisan advantage within the nationalist community by exploiting nationalist frustratioo? In other words, is their real target unionism or is it the the S.D.L.P., and if it is the latter, how does that fit into their expressed desire for a consensus among Irish nationalists"?

inn Fein has rejected Mr. Hume's demand that its members take their seats in Parliament. But Mr. Hume's words will reverberate. With the decline of the peace process, continuing paramilitary violence - by either sida or both - is being increasingly seen as a matter to be handled by the security forces rather than by political negotiations.

This development is much to be welcomed. But unhappily the bad habits produced by the peace process linger on, even as the process itself is in decay. Thus Prime Minlster Bruton, in denouncing the attack on Northern Ireland's High Court, called for "the unequivocal and irrevocable restoration of the ceasefire."

This is nonsense. The I.R.A. ceasefire was never unequivocal, as we have seen, and it is so revocable that it was in fact revoked a year ago. But a littla lingering nonsense in the air is a small price to pay for the elimination of a dangerously seductive peace process, which has been worked by the I.R.A. for its own benefit.

### Note to Readers

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1994, Mr. Morris writhed "in selfinflicted frustration." But then his "vibrating pager" went off. The President was calling for advice on Haiti. Mr. Morris shivered. "My body was there, but my mind walked on a high plain somewhere else ... A fix, rushing, warming, stimulating, enticing, addicting ... I don't know anything about Haiti."

But they were united, and Mr. Clinton was once again looming over him "like a sequota." Mr. Morris fussed over his ties belore White House meetings. " Did this one smack of staid thinking? Did this one make me seem too arrogant?"

He even cherished the big guy's flaws. "Clinton has prominent bags under his eyes. I like them ... but most people don't agree." Ha said they found a makeup artist - an attractive one so the President would sit still - who applied a substance that deflated the President's bags for an hour. (No wonder his staff lretted about the length of his TV speeches.) The book is a pathetic diary about two mercurial egomaniacs who spend

all their time on Presidential makeover, reshaping Mr. Clinton's look, personality, politics and party to match the polls.

Mr. Clinton acts like a big baby. obsessing that he's not getting enough credit for things. And the baby's baby Mr. Morris, obsessed by sibling rivalry as he competes with other White House aides for Mr. Clinton's attention

So we have the spectacle of one childish man coaching another childish man on how to act more mature and paternal.

"You seem to care too much about what others think of you," he told the President, "That's not a father's way You don't look Presidential in light-colored suits."

Mr. Morris says he focuses on issues, oot image. But what he really means is that you can choose issues to project image. The consultant is excited that the President has provided "a virtually unlimited budget for polling and mall testing" (Hello Lippo?) and that the two see every issue through the prism of Mr. Clinton's popularity.

Mr. Morris' outraga at genocide is touching: "I began to see that the budget and Bosnia were the two keys to repairing the public's perception of the President's weakness."

His conscience is also moved by starving children at home: "I told him flatly that a welfare veto would cost him the election."

Even discounting for Mr. Morris's grandiosity, the lesson of the book is that the Presidency has been corrupted and even ruined by quantitative thinking. All those numbers in the Oval Office are a curse. Mr. Morris's book demonstrates that polling has turned leaders into followers. There will never be such a thing as greatness with a three-to-five-point margin of error.

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## In the Director's Chair, It Was the Year of the Actor

### Suddenly every actor wants to be Kenneth Branagh.

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### By BETSY SHARKEY

HE BIGGEST movie trend

of 1996? It wasn't movies about aliens or movies with music. It was movies directed by actors. And two of those films, Al Pacino's documentary "Looking for Richard" and Stan-ley Tucci's "Big Night," have not only landed on critics' to-best lists but are possible candidates for Oscar nominations.

In what is surely a first, dozens of actors switched hats last year. Consider some whose novice efforts appeared in 1996: Tom Hanks with "That Thing You Do!"; Steve Bus-cemi with "Trees Lounge"; Anjelica Huston with "Bastard Out of Carolina"; Kevin Bacon with "Losing Chase"; Emilio Estevez with "The War at Home," and Matthew Broderick with "Infinity."

This year audiences will see Jason Alexander's "For Better or Worse," Kevin Spacey's "Albino Alligator" (opening on Friday), Timothy Hutton's "Digging to China," Vondie Curtis-Hall's "Gridlock'd," Alan Rickman's "Winter Guest," David Schwimmer's "Dogwater" and Andy Garcia's "Lost City." Johnny Depp is directing "The Brave." Madonna has said she will direct a movie based on the novel "Going Down,'

But if last year's crop of films by actors was any indication, audiences may feel that this year's group offers more threat than promise. Few of these fledgling directors' movies lived up to the standard of "Big Night," a low-budget look at brothers at an Italian restaurant in the 50's. The movie, co-directed with Campbell Scott, has made \$11 million at the box office,

Many more efforts, like "Losing Chase," "Trees Lounge" and "That Thing You Do!" were well received critically but not financial hits. ("That Thing You Do!," for instance, cost nearly \$30 million and has taken in pnly \$26 million, of which the studio gets hall.) "Sing Blade," a nith written and directed

by Billy Bob Thornton, who also stars in it, landed on some 10-best lists but has made less than \$150,000 in early release at the box office. (The film cost slightly more than \$1 million.) "Unhook the Stars" was heralded more as the return of Gena Rowlands than as a brilliant debut for her actor son, Nick Cassaveles, who directed. And "Infinity," a perlod film about the physicist Richard Feynman, was perceived as a misfire. "The problem is that actors have a lendency to think in terms of scenes instead of a whole story,' says Peter Bart, the editor of Variety. "What you can end up with too easily is a scene in search of a story." Bart says that he is most interested in movies that have more than just great performances. " 'The War at Home,' which Emilio Estevez directed," he says, "is the personification of what's wrong with actors directing. It's a terrible picture, intellectually dwarfed. I'd much rather watch something that shows real imagination, not just a movie that gives actors time on screen to do their shtick." Julie Salamon, the author of "The Devil's Candy," which detailed the disastrous making of the film "The Bonfire of the Vanities," says: There's nothing inherenily wrong with actors directing, and there are some wonderful ones. Tim Robbins made an excellent movie in 'Dead Man Walking' and Laurence Olivier was a wonderful director." Otivier received an Oscar nomination for his direction of the 1948 screen adaptation of "Hamlet," in which he also starred. The film won the Oscar for best picture. "Producers are always taking a chance on a first-time director," says Ms. Salamon, whose most recent book, "The Christmas Tree," was turned into a made-lor-television movie directed by Sally Field. "With an actor," Ms. Salamon says, "at least they know where to point the camera. They've experienced a movie being made, versus a writer or someone who's only directed music videos or commercials." Directors have always numbered actors among their ranks. In fact, some of the most successful directors started out as actors. Penny Marshall ("The Preacher's Wife"), Ron Howard ("Ransom") and Rob Reiner ("Ghosts of Mississippi") have become better known behind the camera than in front of it. These three were character or comic actors, never had big film careers and made the transition to directing seamlessly. Mr. Tucci, if he chose to direct more and act less, might be in this category.



Juliet Moret and Kevin Conway, in costume, with Al Pacino in his "Looking for Richard." Kevin Bacon directing his wife, Kyra Sedgwick, in "Losing Chase"-"Running the show."

ert Redford, Warren Beatty, Jodie Foster, Mel Gibson, Kevin Costner, Barbra Streisand and Clint Eastwood were generally given substantial budgets to work with. Mr. Hanks, with his good-size budget for 'That Thing You Do!," is in their

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ranks. "Believe me," he says, "the suits at the studio certainly want to please me, and I was certainly aware of that very powerful hole card that I could play." But he adds that star power is not unlimited. "The idea that I would be able to hold a gun to the studio's head and say, 'I want to make this movie about entomologists who do heroin' and they would say, 'Sure, go do it,' it doesn't work that way." He says he has not decided whether he will direct another film.

Mr. Redford is scheduled to direct "The Horse Whisperer," and Mr. Eastwood is doing "Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil." Mr. Beatty, who made the unfortunate "Love Affair" in 1994, is directing "Bulworth." Ms. Foster, after a poorly received "Home for the Holidays" in 1995, plans to direct again after she finishes filming "Contact"

behind these deals is that you wanted to keep up a relationship," says Mr. Bart. "Why let Mel Glbson direct 'The Man Without a Face'? You a superstar."

f for the studios. Mi

es a film course at New York University, believes there is more behind the directing urge than just feeling stifled as actors. "I see students who have much more of a sense of the industry part of film making," she says. "They are more pragmatic, as opposed to being driven by a grand passion. And this current generation of actor-directors is part of an entrepreneurial generation, the same generation that produced a Bill Gates." Then there is the understanding that some actors' careers are slow-

ing down. That is what led the actress Christine Lahti to direct. Her first film, a short subject titled "Lieberman In Love," won her a bestdirector Oscar last year in the liveaction short-film category.

"For women past the age of 35, the parts just aren't there," she says, "I turned to directing by default." (The lag in her career reversed itself when she began appearing as a regular on the CBS series "Chicago Hope" last year.)

Had his career as an actor evolved differently, Mr. Tucci says, he also wonders if he would have felt as compelled to direct. "Had I gotten all the roles li wanted to get," he "The most common motivation says, "maybe I wouldn't have given

it a second thought." The business itself, with its voracious appetlte for new films and its aging corps of top directors, is also want to maintain a relationship with helping the process along. In 1996, the number of films that made it into That investment has tended to pay general theatrical release increased ov 16 percent, according to industr film, "Dances With Wolves" brought statistics. Yet hiring actors to direct remains a dicey proposition for stumade \$181 million at the domestic dio executives. "A lot of studio executives bristle," says Mr. Weinstein. "They think if they give an actor a heart," his second film. "Dances head of steam, he'll have too much control."

But Ms. Salamon, who also teachdirector of "The Horse Whisperer," which he is also scheduled to star in. Mr. Hanks says: "As an actor you're able to be moody and mysterious, to have your own way of working that everyone sort of respects ecause you're the actor and you don't have to explain anything to anybody. As a director, however, you have to be constantly telling people what you want. You have to be able to imagine it first of all, then you have to be able to verbalize it secondly. That's the antithesis of being mysterious and moody." Mel Gibson, who has acted in and

directed two films, says simply: You can't do both for long or you'll die young. It's very punishing." Nevertheless last year's oovice di-

rectors, almost without exception. cast themselves in their movies, à la Kenneth Branagh. Because wanting to direct, and finding the money to make a film, are two separate is-SURS.

Rarely are the new actor-directed films financed by major studios. Mr. Hanks, a bankable star, was able to get just under \$30 million from 20th typical. Down at the \$1 million to \$2 million level, any movie will most likely make money.

Still, getting the financing becomes something of a shell game. Mr. Estevez agreed to star in "D3: The Mighty Ducks" for no pay if Disney would put up a large portion of the money for "The War at Home." The studio agreed. "Disney came up with two-thirds of the \$4.5 million budget and got the North American rights," he says.

It is a given that you surround a first-time director with the best cinematographer, assistant director, lighting and casting people that a tiny budget can afford, according to Mr. Weinstein. "I've never seen an actor-director blow the acting," he says. "It's in the visual or editing, the technical side, where they might be a little weak."

Casting, on the other hand, often becomes a circle of friends. The films may be low budget, but A-list talent will often sign on as a favor.

"If you've had a life as an actor. that's where your friends are," says Mr. Jooes, who turned to Sissy Spa-

could not have put that together and shot that movie if my friends hadn't said they would work on it."

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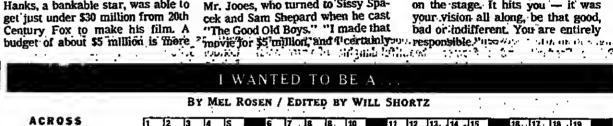
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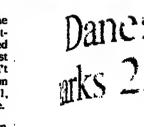
Despite the pleasure of holding the reins, most actors don't find directing easy. Anthony Hopkins directed one film, "August," released last year, and told associates he didn't want to direct again. Jack Lemmon directed a well-received film in 1971, "Kotch," and hasn't directed since.

Ms. Salamon says, "The question really becomes, How many will hang in there for the long haul? An actor can jump on board a film and then be gone, but a director has to live with it for at least a year."

Mr. Hanks, however, reminds that it is a seductive world. "You look at the movie," he says, "and it is what you imagined and at the same time better than what you imagined."

One veteran actor-director agrees, "At some point you're standing on a stage presenting the movie to 500 people at a film festival," says Ms. Foster. "And you're the only one on the stage. It hits you - it was your vision all along, be that good,





The relative star power of actors tends to determine where they initially find themselves on the directing food chain. Even in their first directing efforts, big stars like Rob-

him an Oscar for best director and box office. Mr. Gibson went on to win the Oscar for directing "Brave-With Wolves" and "Braveheart" were also, like Olivier's "Hamlet," named best picture of the year.

Except for Mr. Hanks, however, most of last year's crop of actordirectors were decidedly less than superstars. Many ol them were given production deals by smaller stumovie to David Schwimmer? Because he has accumulated fans from the television show "Friends" and has name recognition with an ideal audience, age 15 to 30. Because he

can presumably get other recognizable names 10 be in his low-budget movie. (Lara Flynn Boyle, Jon Siewart and Teri Hatcher will appear in 'Dogwater.") And because his film will probably make money.

In the made-for cable and independent film arena, where most of er creative control. these films exist, the producers are looking at the star value," Mr. Bart easier to get funding together."

movie industry. Actors are no longer contract players, tied up with a studio that decides what their next good scripts to come to them.

own material." Mr. Schwimmer ing With Disaster," by Ben Stitter. For smaller independent produc-

list directors, hiring a known actor is a way of hedging their bets.

"It's always difficult to get the money" says Kiefer Sutherland. His that I was artistically bankrupt." 1993 directing debut, "Last Light." you can sell that on home video.""

direct is deep-seated among actors judgment, your instincts." and not likely to disappear. "Being an actor on a movie means com- directing, though, can be brutal. Robplaining about the way everything's en Redford has never directed himgoing, and the vast majority of ac- self in a movie, and there is the tors all do that," Mr. Hanks says. possibility that he'll withdraw as the

Typically financed by foreign investors and smaller production companies or, like Mr. Pacino's "Looking for Richard," paid for entirely by the actor, most of these movies have dios. Why would a studio hand a performed like the small, independent films they are. That is to say, modestly. Directing is not a money train for

actors either. Directing a movie, says Tommy Lee Jones, always cost him money.

"I can make more at my day job," he says dryly. Mr. Jones directed "The Good Old Boys" for TNT in 1995 but recently decided to pass on the feature film "Third Down and Forever" because he wanted great-

Kevin Bacon, besides directing "Losing Chase" (which was prosays. "They want to be associated duced by his wife, Kyra Sedgwick, with a star, and that in turn makes it who also starred), now has a starring role in Mr. Hutton's "Digging to The trend is also a result of the China." Mr. Bacon says: "If you act, current business dynamics of the you're always working for the man. After a while, you want to have a chance at running the show."

He says actors have already films will be. Few actors wait for learned and absorbed a great deat from being in the business. "I've "Actors generate their own been making movies for 20 years," projects." says Harvey Weinstein, says Mr. Bacon, "and I hardly ever the co-chairman of Miramax. "They get a chance to be directed by someone who's had as much film experibrought his script to Miramax. Last ence as I have. I'm much more willyear, Miramax had a success with ing to take a shot with someone like another actor-directed film, "Flirt- Tim Hutton, who's been acting as long as I have, versus a writer."

Dissalisfaction is easy for actors tion companies, which have neither to come by. "We all experience a the clout nor the money to attract A- certain amount of disappointment," says Mr. Estevez, whose "War at Home" lailed at the box office, "I've felt the last few years as an actor

The nature of acting itself often was paid for by the Showtime cable breeds the desire to do something channel. "I said: 'You're giving me more challenging. Actors spend the a millton dollars. I'm going to deliver bulk of their time following the direca whole movie for that and, with tor's instruction, saying the writer' whatever status I have as an actor, words, interpreting the character's feelings.

"The thing about directing from the moment you arrive you are in-Though box office success for this volved, every minute of the day," new wave of actor-directors has says Mr. Hutton. "It's a complete been hard to come by, the desire to use of your time, your mind, your

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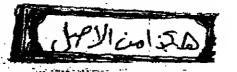
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FEATURES



Queen Margrethe: My cooking won't kill you; my driving might.

## Better the god you know

Studies suggest that education can bring unaffiliated Jews back to the fold. Ronda Robinson reports from Knoxville, Tennessee

1 looks like the perfect Christmas service: the church decorated with white poinsenias, congregants in their red finery standing and swaying to carols, an interpreter for the deaf translating the music into sign language. After the singing ends, the congregation calls its pas-tors to the dais to honor them with a "love offer-

ing" - kind words and a Christmas bonus. So what's strange about this picture? Well, three of the inner-city church leaders are Jewish - or were born Jewish, and they have accepted Jesus Christ as the messiah.

"I was born a Jew. I didn't change my religion. I simply changed my relationship with Christ," Steve Fatow, the 48-year-old senior pastor who found Jesus at age 22, says during the service. He recalls the glory of celebrating his first Christmas after always having always felt cutoff, as a Jewish boy growing up on Long Island, New York.

Other members of his team at Trinity Church. a charismatic New Testament congregation, include pastors Neil Silverberg, 43, and Ed Rosen, 53. They share a generally secular back-ground, although Rosen, before his bar mitzvah, laid *tefilin* and wore *tzitzi*.

This trinity of pastors are among a half-dozen or more Jewish-horn church leaders in Knoxville, Tennesse. Two of them, a couple who headed the liberal Unity Church, moved on to other pastures. Still, other Jews by birth are married to ministers here, and many more have sought a rainbow of different religious and spiritual paths. The stream of "hyphenated Jews" passing through Tennessee's third-largest city has included Jewish-Sikhs, Jewish-Buddhists, Jewish-Mormons, Jewish-Baptists and Jewish-Unitarians, Many more simply remain unaffiliated with Jewish institutions. They fall into the 55 percent of American Jews whom the National Jewish Population Survey found belong to neither a synagogue nor a community organization.

"It is worrisome, particularly when we ask ourselves: 'Why are we concerned with the unaffiliated in the first place?'" says Dr. Egon Mayer, a member of the National Technical Advisory Committee on Jewish Population Studies that oversaw the 1990 survey. "We're partly concerned about continuity of institution, and of course we're also concerned about the state of self-understanding of people who are unaffiliated. But clearly, from the vantage point of msunutional Jewish life, the fact that the majority of identifiable households are not part of the system is a source of concern."

really a half-sister, would have a pancake breakfast on Christmas morning, by the tree. Does that tell you anything about how un-Jewish l was raised?"

As a child, Brietstein participated in the Workmen's Circle youth league. Her recollections of Judaism pertain to food the smells of knishes and women baking for the bazaar. In 1969 she hitchhiked to California and sampled a strorgasbord of happenings: yoga, meditation groups, Sufi dancing, communes. She happened to encounter "singing Rabbi" Shlomo Carlebach at one of the spiritual gatherings, and he later performed her wedding. "I just remember hear-

Puppeteer Judy Brietstein's siblings were so un-Jewish, they celebrated Christmas.

ing him sing," she says. "It just kind of struck a chord and brought back memories." Carlebach's soulful melodies stirred a long-buried sense of roots.

But she didn't plant herself on Jewish soil for a long time. She and her husband moved to a famous commune in Tennessee and lived off the land. Their sojourns next led to a small city where her 3-year-old daughter would come home from a church nursery school and talk about the devil, "It wasn't too long after that we



ago to head an Orthodox congregation, has noticed a similar pattern in Nashville, Tennesse. While more people have intermartied, more have balanced the seesaw by sending their children to Jewish day schools. "When it came to their children's identity, they made a pretty decisive turn - they want them to be in an intensive Jewish environment," he says. "That is an encouraging thing."

The rabbi divides unaffiliated Jews into two categories: those who abandon the fold altogether and those who leave their synagogue. The former bothers him. He explains: "It's Judaism that becomes a point of concern. If they leave the congregation there can be a thousand different reasons, social reasons, personal reasons, the rabbi, all different kinds of reasons."

After World War Two, North Americans broke their nes to old Jewish communities in the center cities, he notes. The exodus to the suburbs meant children lacked the connection with a broad Jewish life that earlier generations had. "So what was a tremendous achievement for the parents who grew up in the 30s, in the Depression years, and their determination that their children were going to have a better world, was a marvelous thing," Posner says.

"Their kids are going to go to college, get every degree that they want and go into professions. And they're going to have financial secu-rity, which is very nice, when you compare it to not being bungry, not being worried about a job," Posner continued. But the children, who have a car at 16, a TV set in their bedroom, and access to a ritzy country club, realize that life must offer more. They explore other paths, thinking classical Torah Judaism has nothing to offer.

An example is Judaica artist Arnold Schwarzbart, who investigated possibilities varying from Zen Buddhism to Russian mysticism. He was born in Russia in 1942 to a family more committed to social justice than religious observance. "I grew up in a house where a nice ham was tradition. My parents went to shul on High Holidays only, but no other time," says the past president of his synagogue in Knoxville.

The turning point came when he discovered Jewish mysticism. A student of philosophy, physics, zoology, and chemistry who earned one of his two undergraduate degrees in architecture, he was always entimalled by the big questions. "I think mysticism concerns itself with the big questions," explains Schwarzbart, "like why we're here, is there some sort of order to the universe? Is there the notion of other realms of existence? Is there the notion of a divine source of everything?

Ironically, his studies of Jane Roberts' Seth material - information believers say is channeled from the other side - laid the foundation for his growing Jewish education. "It represented a vocabulary and a context from which 1 could then approach the Jewish mystical literature," he says.

Schwarzbart and his wife, Mary Linda, keep a kosher home, host large Shabbat and festival dinners, attend services regularly, study Jewish texts, stay active in a variety of Jewish organi zations, help bring scholars-in-residence to town, and serve as the force behind a Talmud Torah class that has met for years. This, from a man who once found contemporary Judaism dry as dust and barren of spiritual insight. Rabbis and lay leaders say such an encounter with Jewish education can help stem the tide of drifters. As Mayer reports, of Americans with nine or more years of Jewish education. 37 percent remain unaffiliated, as compared with 69 percent of those with no Jewish education. Posner says Judaism contains the fire the unaffiliated often seek in other quarters; if only they knew to look. "It's both emotion and brains, he says of the heritage, "It's hands and feet. It's everything. The total person is involved." Rabbi Yeboshua Kahan, former religious leader of Knoxville's Conservative synagogue who now serves as assistant director of a Safedbased learning center, adds: "There's a kabbalistic idea of gathering up the sparks that were trapped in the busks, trapped in the stifled places throughout the world. Those sparks are ideas. Those sparks are souls. Those sparks are Jews who've come and gone. "That doesn't mean everything they come back with is kosher or can be made kosher. But it's not the case that Jews who have been elsewhere have to come back with their tail between their legs. Rather, their experiences and their ideas may lend new insights to Jewish teachings and practices."



enmark's Queen Margrethe II, who tomorrow celebrates 25 years on Europe's oldest throne, heads a royal family remarkable for the affection and respect it commands in a fiercely

egalitarian society. Elderly suburbanites and innercity punks can be seen on state occasions, waiting on freezing street corners for a glimpse of the queen, her 86-year-old mother Queen Ingrid, or the princes Frederik and younger brother Joachim,

Royal controversy is rare and mild compared to the scandals plaguing her cousins in Britain.

Danish model Katya Nielsen, debate was less concerned with the relationship itself than with the queen's reported opposition to the match. A poll showed unanimous public support for the prince's right to choose his own bride and the Politiken broadsbeet appealed to Margrethe in an editorial.

The time for arranged marriages is past, and the monarchy will survive longer with a happy person on the throne, A. mother's heart should understand

this," it wrote. But the heat of publicity and frost from the palace appeared The Danish queen's public smok- too much for the lovers, and in ing, and an affair between Grown -- October -1996 -lawyers -for -the Prince Frederik and a former beautiful daughter of a provincial underwear model are about the - - businessman issued a statement: Katva Storkholm Nielsen hereby wishes to make it known that her relationship with His Royal Highness Crown Prince Frederik is terminated. "Katya Storkholm Nielsen does not wish to discuss the matter further," it said. Both Frederik and Joachim, wbo married Hong Kong econo-mist Alexandra Manley in November 1995, are clearly adored by their mother, who peppers her conversation with references to "my boys," but they are far from pampered. A high-speed car crash which injured both princes bought them a well-publicized reprimand from their mother in 1998, and the boys' father, French-horn Prince Henrik, does not refute his reputation as a strict parent. "

MARGRETHE became queen at the age of 31 on January 14, 1972, when her father King Frederik IX died after a twoweek illness.

(Jerry Bergman)

Thanks to a 1953 constitutional reform which amended the right of succession to include royal danghters, she became the first woman to ascend to the 1,012year-old throne since the first Queen Margrete was crowned in 1353.

A second cousin to Britain's Queen Elizabeth, she is also related, through the Greek royal family, to Prince Philip. Educated at two Danish universities and France's Sorbonne, as well as Cambridge and the London School of Economics in Britain, she once described her-

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iciest items The smoking issue revived ancient enmities with neighboring Sweden this month when Swedish newspaper columnist Hagge Geigert slammed the Danish monarch for setting a had example by lighting up in public places and "spreading poison around her."

Geigert said that the queen "puffed away freely" during a visit to asthmatic residents of an old people's home and he compared her unfavorably to Swedish King Carl XVI Gustaf, who also smokes, but only in private.

"Is it a sign of responsibility for the Swedish king to slink off to the toilets to have a drag on the sly?", the Danish tabloid Ekstra Blader asked, in response.

Asked during the jubilee news conference to comment on her "smoking problem," the queen'a response was terse. "I have no problem," she said.

On the other main issue of interest, 28-year-old public Prince Frederik's three-year romance with 26-year-old

The most important thing in bringing up children is to help them get the best out of themselves. If you really want to help your

children you have to sometimes à show them the harshness of life," he told journalists at the capital's Amalienborg Palace.

self as an eternal student. She is a capable artist who has designed sets and costumes for television and for the Royal Ballet. She has also illustrated a Danisb edition of J.R.R. Tolkien's Lord of the

Rings. Asked by a journalist if she had also mastered more mundane skills, such as driving and cooking, she said that she was a reasonable cook but had not driven herself for so long that she no longer had a valid license. "Let me put it this way, my food wouldn't kill anyone but

I'm not sure that you would sur-vive my driving," she said. Jubilee celebrations are relatively modest. Tomorrow's activities are restricted mainly to family and other Scandinavian roywith a Thanksgiving service

and official hanquet. The highlight of the anniversary for the public will be a January 15 carriage procession through Copenhagen escorted by troop of cavalry, and a televised gala performance from the Royal Ballet in the evening.

(Reuter)

Mayer, executive director of the Jewish Outreach Institute in New York, notes that we tend to be just like our parents. At a conference on "The Unaffiliated Jew" sponsored by the International Institute for Secular Humanistic Judaism, in 1995. Mayer observed that child-hood education and upbringing often herald adult choices. He said that "it turns out when you ask people how they identify themselves in comparison to how they were raised, many people say: 'Yes my parents were Jewish but they were both Communists," or: "They were both

Unitarians and that's bow I was raised'." Mayer has a theory: age, marital status, and parenthood predict when Jews will return to the fold. "Nobody seriously thinks about 20-yearold college students as unaffiliated, even though they technically are," he says. "They're more likely to be what I would call pre-affiliated." He remarks that behavior changes with age. "About half the people who were unaffiliated before their 30s and before they were marriedand had kids, have all of a sudden affiliated."

Judy Brietstein, 48, fits perfectly into Mayer's theory. Brietstein grew up in the Amalgamated, a Socialist neighborhood in the Bronx. Her father attended an Orthodox synagogue, but her mother rebelled against Jewish tradition. Her siblings are so "im-Jewish," she says, they have celebrated Christmas. "My oldest sister, who's

Artist Arnold Schwarzhart explored everything from Zen Buddhism to Russian mysticism. (Knoxville News-Sentinel)

moved to Knoxville," Brietstein, a Realtor, recalls. "I felt at that point, because my second daughter was born, that the synagogue was top priority. Something clicked and we got involved very soon after."

Looking back on her reconnection with Judaism, she observes that with two young children, the family was ripe for the experience. "I think if you come in as a young family or as a single," she muses, "where you have other people that are in similar places as you, and you connect with them and do things together in a spiritual way, that can he very meaningful." Rabbi Zalman Posner, whom the late Lubavitcher Rebbe sent South nearly 50 years

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### EARTHLY CONCERNS

## If you've never tasted caviar, better do it soon

### By D'YORA BEN SHAUL

Tor centuries, caviar has been a symbol of luxury.

At a cost of up to \$2000 a kilogram, it is not surprising that the roe of certain types of sturgeon has always been outside the budgetary possibilities of all save the most affluent members of the population.

But marine biologists and otherscientists warn that the present generation may be the last to savor this world- renowned delicacy not because it will be too expensive for any but the most affluent, but because there most likely won't be any caviar left.

In a report issued last month, the wildlife trade monitoring arm of the Worldwide Fund for Nature (TRAFFIC) said that if sturgeon fisheries are not given extremely rigid protection, then within another decade or so caviar may

become a thing of the past. About 90 percent of the world's caviar 15 produced by just three species of sturgeon in the Caspian Species of sturgeon in the the most prestigious caviar of all, the prestigious cavial of all, the more outling oesicges mese lish, Beluga sturgeon. But the Caspian younger and younger specimens Sea is becoming more and more are caught and killed, only to be

polluted each year, and catches of surgeon have already fallen 75 per cent in the past decade. The lowered catch rate has only led to even more extensive hunting of this food source.

TRAFFIC also warns of the danger of pollution that has apparently drastically lowered the breeding rate, so that not enough young sturgeon are being hatched to replace the ones caught. Laboratory analyses of shipments of Russian and Iranian caviar purchased from retailers in London showed concentrations of DDT, PCBs, and mercury in all samples analyzed.

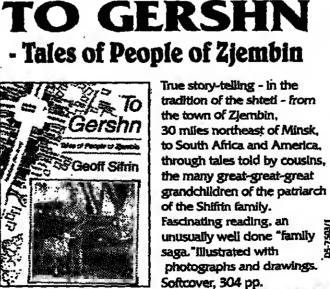
One of the problems, says Paul Toyne, a biochemist with the World Wildlife Fund, is that the concentrations are not high enough to pose a danger to the consumer, but seem to be high enough to render the fish either sterile or at least to severely lower their reproductive capacity.

Sturgeons take anywhere from six to 25 years to achieve sexual maturity, depending on food supply, water temperature, and variations in sub-species. As more and more bunting besieges these fish,

found without roe and of no use to caviar processors. In addition, since the fish mature at such an advanced age, they have plenty of time to accumulate even small amounts of these pollutants in their tissues.

The restrictive practices of the former Soviet Union kept sturgeon hunting under severe control since the sturgeon were considered a national resource that brought large amounts of foreign currency into the country. Since the break up of the USSR a virtual anarchy has reigned in the sturgeon fishing areas and there is virtually no control over the size or condition of sturgeons taken.

A few attempts are underway by the WWF in growing sturgeon under controlled, pollution-free conditions, but it will be years before anyone will know if they have succeeded or not. In the meantime, the degradation of the sea and the dwindling sturgeon crop threatens to wipe out this lux-ury food. While the absence of caviar will have little effect on the starving millions in the world, it will certainly be missed by some, not only for its delightful taste, but for its value as one of the world's great status symbols.



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### in brief

### \$750 million worth of bonds for sale

Israel bopes this week to sell \$750 million of bonds, backed by US guarantees, the Finance Ministry confirmed yesterday. Treasury director-general David Brodet and other senior nfficials are in the US to implement the sale. Israel hopes to raise \$2.7 billion nver the next two years. David Har David Harris

### December job-seekers up by 5,200

The number of job-seekers rose by 5,200 in December to 129,700, the Employment Service announced yesterday. This is a 7.1% increase after seasonal adjustments. During the final quarter of last year. 69,555 people registered for the first time with the service, but the nverall number dropped by 58,556 in the same period. David Harris

### NIS 5.2 b. spent on civilian R&D

National expenditure on civilian research and development totaled NIS 5.2 billinn in 1994, according to statistics published last week by the Central Bureau of Statistics. That figure amounted to 2.3 percent of the Gross Domestic Product. David Harris

### **Bank Leumi expects growth**

Leading investment bank BZW. which is based in London, forecasts Bank Leumi's earnings will continue to grow in 1997, despite an expected sinwdown in economic growth. In a report on the country's second largest bank, BZW said "earnings" growth should be driven by a new dynamic and lean management team with a clear strategy for increasing efficiency, levels of service and profitability." Galit Lipkis Beck

## Cables of Zion, **Cvalim begin** merger talks

### By GALIT LIPKIS BECK

Cables of Zion. a subsidiary of Clal Industries, and Cvalim, cootrolled by Ofer Brothers investments, are in preliminary discussions to merge, Clal. said in a ootice to the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange yesterday.

Cables and Cvalim are among the country's leading cable and wire manufacturers. Due to competition from foreign manufacturers, which has hindered the

Cables the remaining 40%, The merged company will reportedly be managed by Cvalim general manager Miki Goldschmit while the chairman will be Yuli Ofer. There will be oo exchange of funds. -----In the announcement, Clal said appointment of a general manager to the company has not yet

been decided upon. Assuming an agreement is reached, the merged company will have nine plants, five of Cvalim and four of Cables. The net worth of Cvalim is estimated at NIS 311m.

## Trade deficit for 1996 at \$10.5 billion, up 4% on '95

### By DAVID HARRIS

The country's total 1996 trade deficit totalled S10.5b. up \$430m, or 4 percent on the previous 12 months, according to figures published yesterday by the Central Bureau of Statistics.

Israel's exports to the Palestinian Authority stood at \$1.55 billion last year, with \$235 million imported, giving a SI.315b. trade surplus. This is the first time that the PA has appeared on Israel's annual trade balance-sheet This increase in the deficit is considerably

smaller than those of the previous two years. The deficit increased \$2.8b. (38%) in 1995, and \$1.2b. (19.5%) in 1994. Imports reached \$29.6b., 5.7% higher than in 1995, after increases of 20% in 1995 and

16% in 1994.

Meanwhile, exports brought in \$19.1b. last year, a 6.5% rise on the previous year, fol-lowing increases of 11.5% in 1995 and 14% in 1994.

Since the end of the first quarter last year, imports, excluding ships, airplanes, dia-monds, fuel and trade with the PA, have been shrinking at a monthly average 0.6%, com-pared to monthly increases of 1% to 2% dur-ing 1995. Exports registered a monthly 0.4% increase, compared to the monthly 0.8% recorded in 1995.

Of the \$29.6b. imported, excluding trade with the PA, some 25% (\$7.2b.) comprised. diamonds, fuel, ships and airplanes, together with raw materials at 45%, machinery and industrial vehicles on 17%, and consumer

goods, 13%. Exports, excluding the PA, totalled \$19.1b., 68% of which were industrial exports, excluding diamonds, 26% dia-monds, 4% agricultural goods, and 2% software

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Imports totalled \$2.6b. in December, a third of which came from diamonds, together with fuel, ships and airplanes. A further 40% was from the import of raw materials. 16% investment goods and 11% consumer goods.

Exports in the month, came to \$1.63b., C 74% of which were industrial exports, 5% agricultural, with the remainder diamonds and other goods.

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## Manufacturers: Worst industrial quarter in 7 years

continued decline in local market

### By GALIT LIPKIS BECK

The local industrial market suffered a slowdown in sales in the third quarter nf 1996, its worst quarter in the last seven years, the Manufacturers Association announced yesterday. There was also a decrease in productivity and number of people employed in the sector.

A survey of 180 companies in the industrial sector indicates there will be a continued drop in earnings from exports in the first quarter of 1997, despite an increase in export sales.

sales and a drop in investments in the first quarter, said Suki Abramovich, director of the association's economics division. Twenty-five percent of those surveyed dn nnt have investment plans for the near future while 20% have plans for the next three years. In the fourth quarter of 1996. 47% of manufacturers reported a decrease in local market sales, including 15% that reported a significant drop, especially in textiles. Thirty-five percent of those

Industrial firms also forecast a exports, compared with 25% that registered a drop. Abramovich said the improvement was due, among others, to seasonal factors. According to the survey, 56% of

the exporters reported an erosion in profits, including 15% that reported a significant drop. Only 6% of the exporters reported an increase in earnings from exports. In the reported period 41% of all firms reduced production, while 30% increased production. Thirtyone percent of all firms reduced their workforce, compared with 14% that hired more workers.

The timetable for privatizing By Jerusalem Post Staff El Al is still unclear. A team headed by Leon and Transport Senior civil servants will today Ministry director-general Nahum present the government privatiza-Langenthal is scheduled to pubtion program to a ministerial comlish its report on the issue today. mittee for approval. Faced with huge anticipated

The list of state-firms to be sold off this year will most likely include Israel Chemicals Ltd., Zim Israel Navigation Company Ltd., and Bezeo.



Authority director-general Tzipi ny for sale at some future date.

the company can be sold at all during the next four years. The compaby is predicting \$100 millioo in losses when it publishes its annual report in April.

One possibility for the company, according to sources in the Prime Minister's Office, is to sell its assets individually, leaving the core compa-

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Meanwhile, Leon's vision of

Merhav, Salem sell 50% of joint Israeli-Arab oil venture

### By DAVID HARRIS

Merhav Mnf. Ltd. of Israel and the Hussein K. Salem Group of Egypt have both sold 50 percent of their interests in an oil refinery, currently under construction nutside Alexandria, to the Egyptian General Petroleum Corporation. This means EGPC has now acquired 60% of the SI 2 billion

# surveyed reported a growth in

local market's earnings, the firms are coosidering the possibility of merging activities in an attempt to increase market share and benefit from economies of scale.

Clal made the announcement in reaction to reports that a merger agreement had already been reached. Publisbed reports claim Cvalim will control 60% of the merged company and

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while the net worth of Cables amounts to about NIS 177m. Cables and Cvalim showed

disappointing results in the third quarter of 1996. Cables registered an operational lnss and reported a 26% drop in sales, to NIS 57.5m.

Cvalim, which reported a sharp decline in profits, announced a 30% drop in sales, tn NIS 81.4m.

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refinery project, which is the largest Arab-Israeli joint venture to date.

Until the sale went ahead, late last week, both Hussein K. Salem and Merbav nwner Yossi Maiman held 40% of shares, but have now reduced their investments from \$360 million to S180m. each.

The refinery will produce an estimated 100,000 barrels a day, or 5 million tons of crude nil a year. two-and-a-half times the amount Israel annually imports from Egypt.

sectors. The bank yesterday pubformance of the stock market .

By Jerusalem Post Staff

place a high investment pri-

ority on investments in large -

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in Israel and abroad, particu-

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1997. The economist in expect a continued drop in year, reflecting a continued erosion in the currency rate, relatively high real-interest rates and intense market competition.

Assuming the economic situatioo improves, the bank expects financial statements for the first six months of 1997 to show an improvement in corporate profitability and for share prices to rise." The factors which affected the share market in 1996, mainly political and economic developments, are expected to continue to influence trading this year, said Hapoalim. The bank does not expect any major political breakthroughs in 1997. adding that progress in this

to hinder many companies performance. Referring to the different sectors of the economy, the analysts forecast the chemical sector will benefit from firms' gross profit margins investments of about \$600 and operating profits this million made last year. The food sector is expected to: benefit from the signing of partnership agreements' between local and overseas food manufacturers; bas some companies will suffer, from higher competition in the market. . Marketing chains' sales are. expected to grow in 1997,

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the list of companies for sale within the next two years, but will be one of the last state assets to be be on the initial list of companies. responsible for."

It is almost certain that Israel insisting Bank Hapoalim sell its Electric Corporation will not be on assets in Clal and Koor before privatization seems likely to falter, with Leon himself admitting "this could cause a delay in the tackled by the government. It is sale of the bank, and that is the also expected that Mekorot will not last thing I would want to be

1996 losses, many close to the

company and senior government

officials are questioning whether

### **September-December funds** post positive returns

### **By Jorusaiem Post Staff**

Most of the banks' provident funds achieved positive real returns of 1% to 2% in 1996, mainly due to the the last four months of the year,

Among the largest funds, Bank Hapoalim's Gadish reported a real positive yield of 1.3% since the start of the year and 1.46% in December. The fund manages

· Bank Leumi's Otzma fund posted a real yield of 1.9% in 1996 and 1.37% in December while Bank Discount's Tamar achieved an accumulated real yield of 0.17% last year and 1.52% in December.

First International Bank's-funds achieved average real yields of 1.5% last year. The bank's Maten fund which specializes in investments in bonds, achieved a positive real

First International said its funds attracted NIS 129.6m. in December, representing 32.6% of the public's total investments in the funds.

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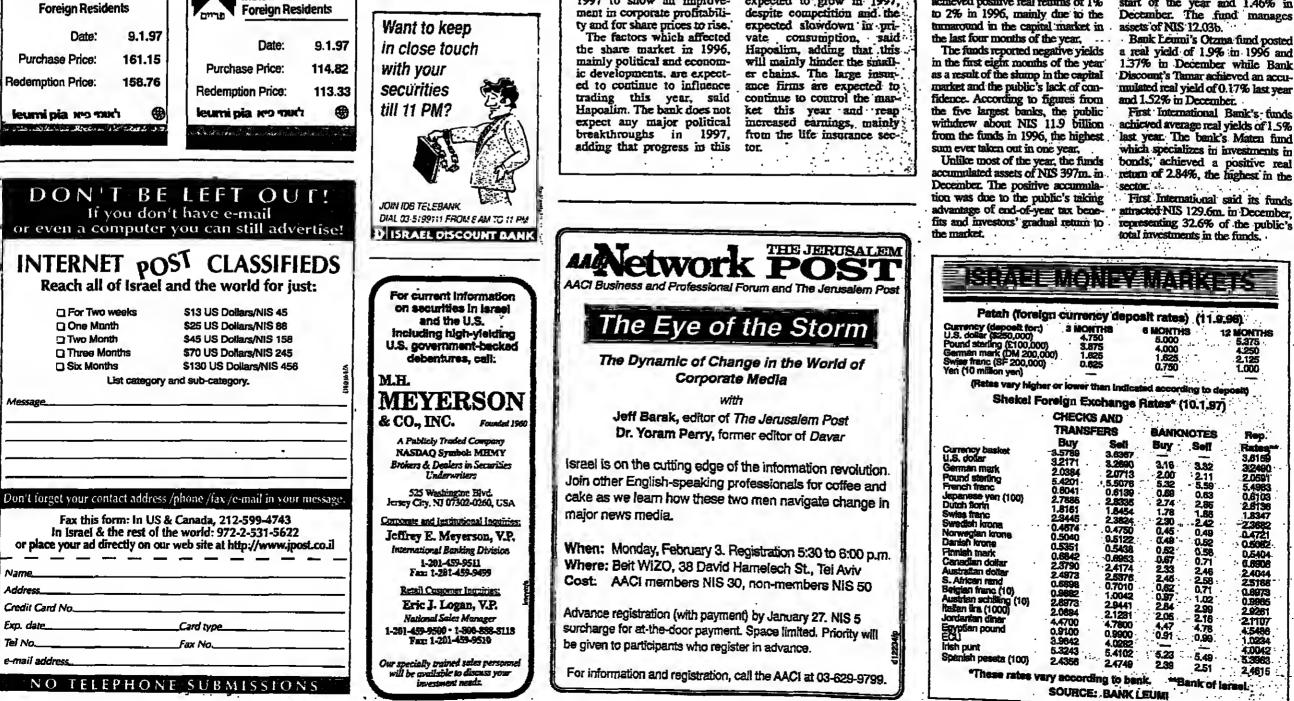
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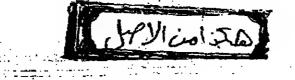
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## Gold gets boost from US jobs report

### Commodities Roundup

Precious metals futures closed mostly higher Friday, benefiting from sharp gains in US non-farm payrolls.

he December non-farm payroll data increased 262,000, with the unemployment unchanged at 5.3 percent. December average hourly earnings rose, 6 cents to \$12.05, which suggested moderate inflation and prompted some players to do light buying, an analyst said. Floor sources also mentioned that gold trade was impacted by Friday's expiration of COMEX. options. Traders attempted to keep February gold as close to the \$360 strike price as possible. After making good gains on concerns that exports from Russia may be limited. March palladium futures

closed slightly lower February gold closed up \$1.40 at \$360.20. March silver closed up 3 cents \$4.7650. April platinum closed up \$2.30 at \$368.80 and March palladium closed down 5 cents at \$125.95.

High-grade copper funnes closed slightly lower as light selling pressure emerged. Analysts said some of this profit taking may be due to a somewhat overbought situation that is beginning to emerge. Soybeans traded sharply higher,

closing at limit up (up 30 points) on Friday, supported by bullish US Department of Agriculture Grain Stocks and 1996 Annual Crop Production report and from short covering. New York world sugar futures

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Austrian gov't sells stake in flagship bank Creditanstalt By KNUT ENGELMANN

VIENNA (Reuter) - Creditanstalt CABV was

sold to arch-rival Bank Austria yesterday, ending a seven-year battle over control of Austria's flagship bank and sending shockwaves through the financial sector.

A visibly relieved Chancellor Franz A visibly relieved Chancellor rranz Vranitzky told reporters after an 11-hour crisis meeting of coalition leaders of his Social Democrafic Party and the conservative People's Party that Bank Austria had put in the best bid for the state's 70 percent voting stake in Austria's second biggest bank

"I can tell you that the state's stake in Creditanstalt will go to the highest bidder, which is Bank Aastra," he said, closing the chapter on a sale which deeply divided the coalition and raised the spectre of a government collapse.

The 141-year-old Creditanstalt, former banker to the Austro-Hungarian empire, will retain its independence for the next five years. Over the same period, market leader Bank Austria will be taken out of public control step by step. Full privatization of Austria's top bank, controlled by the City of Vienna and

London's tube may be sold

Shadow transportation minister

Labor sources said the party

LONDON (Reuter) - Britam's rently well ahead in the opinion polls, vowed to fight the idea. Labor mounted a long campaign Conservative government plans to privatize London's underground railway network if it wins the next against the recent privatization of general election, the Independent the country's rail network, saying on Sunday said. the results so far had been disas-

It said a firm commitment to sell trous off the network, which has 260 stations and total assets worth £13 Glenda Jackson said the reported billion (NIS 75 billion), would figplans for selling off the under-ground, or "tube," was "an attempt ure in the Conservatives' manifesto if the next election was held to drive the final nail into the cofbefore May 1. fin of public transport in this coun-

"It is true that work is at an iniτy, tial stage in the department on taking forward ideas for securing furwould focus on the issue in the ther private sector involvement in . southeast of England since it the London Underground system," believed it would be a vote-winner with the 2.5 million com-

partly state-owned, was a key demand of the Zentralsparkasse (AVZ) foundation is to be cut conservatives. They had threatened to team up with the far-right opposition in parliament against a sale to what they described as a "socialist" banking dinosaur.

Finance Minister Viktor Klima, who was in charge of the privatization, said Bank Austria would offer Creditanstalt's small shareholders an extra two schillings (NIS 0.9) per ordinary share to buy the 30% of voting shares not yet owned by the state - a premium of 0.3% over their market price. It was the first emergency session of coali-

tion leaders since a snap general election in December 1995 and it took place in an atmosohere of mutual recrimination over the sale. Klima, eager to get Europe's longest-running privatization project off his desk as fast as pos-sible, said he would rush to his office immediately and put his signature on the contract. The transaction will be closed immediately, 1 will go to my office right now and sign the contract," he said.

According to the coalition agreement, the state's 19% stake in Bank Austria will he floated immediately, while the 45% stake held by the City of Vienna's Anteilsverwaltung to below 20% within seven years.

The reduction of AVZ's stake would be achieved through a series of capital increases in which the foundation would not take part, Klima said.

People's Party leader Wolfgang Schuessel, who lost his battle to keep Creditanstalt firmly in the conservative camp but scored on a number of side issues, said it had not been easy for his party to agree to Bank Austria as the winner. This was a very hard but also a very good round of talks. The decision wasn't easy for us." he said after the meeting.

The two banks will have combined assets of about 14 billion schillings and control a major part of Austria's retail and wholesale banking market. Together, they hold wide-reaching interests in the country's key industries.

There was no immediate statement from an international consortium of industrial and financial interests led by insurer EA-Generali, which had submitted a rival offer. It was outbid by Bank Austria by about two billion schillings. A Creditanstalt spokesman told Reuters the bank had not yet been informed about its new owner.

## Seoul faces reform struggle

SEOUL (Reuter) - The government of South Korean President Kim Young-sam, battling striking workers over labor reform, will also face a struggle to implement the financial restructuring needed to boost the economy, analysts said.

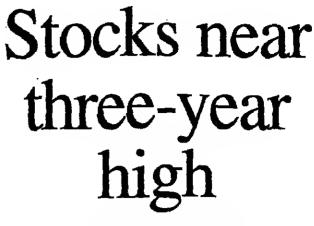
President Kim said last week the heavily controlled financial sector urgently needed reform to bring it line with global trends. He said a Committee for Financial Reform would be set up to draft proposals aimed at improving competitive-ness. But analysts said at the weekend Kim would face stiff opposition from powerful bureaucrats. "Allmighty government offi-

cials will not give up their control immers who use the system every casily," said Koo Kyung-hoi, a day. casily," said Koo Kyung-hoi, a

Economic Research Institute, Lee Hahn-ku, president of the Daewoo Research Institute, said: "Financial reforms have been a buzzword since Kim's inauguration in 1993, But the refreshed call for reform shows Kim has done little so far to improve the financial industry."

Government officials said initial measures, including a cut in rediscount rates, would be taken to lower interest rates and later more sweeping steps would be implemented, such as the scaling-back of business barriers among financial institutions.

Economists have said mergers and acquisitions in the financial sector would eventually be allowed to assist a further market opening.



**TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET** 



Shares closed in on a three-year high yesterday, buoyed by a report last week that investors were again putting money into funds that manage partly tax-exempt savings plans. Leading shares higher were

Elbit Ltd., Leumi Insurance Holdings, Bezeq, IDB Holdings and the major banks.

"There's a definite influx of money coming from the mutual funds," said Oren Meytes, senior analyst at Central Securities. At the same time, trading is reladvely low: Three years ago volumes were reaching an inflation-adjusted NIS 500 million, he said.

Investors also are watching for Wednesday's report on the consumer price index, which will give them a clue about whether the cen-tral bank will cot interest rates, Meytes said.

The Two-sided Index of 100 leading issues advanced 2.05 percent to 232.26, while the Maof Index climbed 2.15% to 240.66. The Maof was last this high on February 6, 1994, when it closed

at 245.1 Across the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, NIS 170.1m. of shares traded, 13% over the mooth's daily average of NIS 150.6m, and more than twice December's average NIS 84.6m.

Leumi Insurance was the most active issue, trading NIS 29.4m. of shares. Leumi Insurance, trading for the first time and exempted from the normal daily limit of 10% up or down, jumped 81.5% to NIS 2.33. The company was spun off from Bank Leumi and Africa

Israel Investments Ltd. Shares of Elbit, the producer of added 2% to 39.57 Elite Industries computer-oetworking and elec- Series 5 slipped 0.25% to 83. tronic textile-inspection equip-

ment, soared \$.5% to NIS 8.21 after its shares traded in New York leaped 8.1% Thursday and Friday. Koor Industries Ltd. rose 3% to NIS 308.5. Koor's American depositary receipts, each represent-ing 0.2 share traded in Tel Aviv, advanced a total 1.3% in New York. Bezeq and Israel Chemicals rose 2.75% and 1.5% to NIS 8.56 and

NIS 3.21 respectively. Prime Minister Binyamm Netanyahu today will present to a ministerial panel a plan for selling state assets, including holdings in Bezeg and ICL.

Makhteshim Chemical Works Ltd. shares climbed 2% to NIS 14.83 as they were upgraded at Zannex Securities. The firm called the stock cheaper than that of its peers in the US.

Bank Leumi climbed 3.75% to 5.15, Bank Hapoalim added 2.25% to 5.7. Discount Bank jumped 3.25% to 3.56 and First International Series 5 gained 2.5% to 1,961.82.

IDB Holdings tacked on 3% to 64.97. Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd., which accounts for nearly 10% of the Maof index, moved up 1.75% to 17.28.

On the Maof Index: Koor subsidiary Tadiran Ltd. advanced 1.5% to 94.9. Among the other chemical companies, Dead Sea Works rose 1.25% to 8.89, Agan added 2% to 66.81 and Bromine climbed 1% to 17.64.

Elco Holdings, with interests in retailing and consumer appliances, among others, moved up 0.5% to 25.7. Supersol added 1 percent to 8.79.

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He brushed off claims that the army should be exempt because position has to pay?" they were directly defending the residents of Asher. "It is not a fair questioo. These bases are up here taking up valuable land and they have to pay paid in 1994. taxes," he said.

Inbar explained that some areas. are exempt from rates and that they would not demand payment from bases in those areas. He declined to say how much money was involved, and added that as far as he knew nothing had yet

"The whole matter is still being this. It costs us money. Perhaps it is even equivalent to the rates one

This year, the IDF paid over NIS 100 million in rates. In 1998, it is expected to pay over NIS 266 million in rates, five time what it

The idea behind leveling rates on the IDF was to push them out of valuable urban property and into the periphery. But senior IDF officers are incensed that the anny must take its increasingly limited funds to pay for isolated training grounds vital areas for the state's defense as well.

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Hussein arrived in Gaza City late afternoon by helicopter, was welcomed by Arafat and whisked by limousine to his seafront office, where a band played the the Jordanian and PA anthems. It was Hussein's first visit to Gaza since 1967 and the first by an Arab head of state. It was also

the first visit by a foreign leader. to Gaza that was not a side trip after a visit to Israel.

### SPORTS

Monday, January 13, 1997 The Jerusalem Post

## Beckham goal Pack breaks away to top Carolina sinks Spurs

LONDON (Reuter) - David Beckham added another spectacular goal to his collection as Manchester United beat Tottenham Hotspur 2-1 yesterday to move second in the Premier League

London-born Beckham, who trained with Tottenham as a schoolboy, scaled Spurs' F.A. Cup exit at Old Trafford a week ago with a superb free kick and struck again 14 minutes from time from 25 meters to deny the home side a precious point.

Beckham, set to be a crucial member of the England side in this year's World Cup qualifying campaign, had previously had a quiet afternoon in one of United's less impressive performances.

They went ahead in the 23rd minute when Norwegian Ole Gunnar Solsk jaer slid the ball home, rough justice on Spurs who saw Steffen lversen and Andy Sinton hit the United bar in quick succession.

A headed equalizer from Rory Allen in the 44th minute set up a poten-tially intriguing second-half, but it took Beckham's goal to enliven a game which contained seven bookings.

The midfielder collected the ball just inside the Spurs' half and strode forward before crashing a right-foot shot into the top corner. United now has 41 points, two behind Liverpool with a game in hand.

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Newcomer Dennis Hopson (23

points) gave the hometown fans plenty to cheer about, as he scored

several fantastic baskets bringing

General Manager Mickey Berkowitz to his feet. Dimitri Hill

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paced the Tel Avivians with 22.

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The National Basketball League resumed after its mid-season break last night with new additions coming on strong. Corey Gaines, Dennis Hopson and Roy Fisher were vital in Hapoel Eilat's, Givat Shamel's and Ramat Gan's victories, while Maccabi Tel Aviv slaved off a late Herzliya charge to remain undefeated. Hapoel Eilat 78

### Hapoel Jerusalem 75

Amir Katz buried a three-pointer at the buzzer. providing the southerners with a much-needed homecourt victory.

Katz s bucket capped an incredibly tight game that featured three lead changes in the final two minutes.

Gaines was in the middle of the action, scoring six points (21 overall) one assist and one steal in the final minute.

Twice it appeared that Eilat had iced the victory, but three pointers by Adi Gordon and Papi Turgeman forced the game down to Eilat's final possession. For Jerusalem, Motti Daniel and

Eilly Thompson netted 18 points apiece.

Maccaoi Tel Aviv 80 Brei Herzliya 74 The undefeated defending champions survived a scare by the indefatigable Herzliya club, as they barely held off the visi-

With only 2:37 remaining, it was only a one-point game until

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GREEN BAY (AP) --- Playing on the frozen tundra of Lambeau Field, Green Bay beat second-year Carolina 30-13 in the NFC championship game Sunday to reach the Super Bowl for the first time since Vince Lombardi's Packers beat Dallas in the "Icc Bowl" 29 years ago.

This year's heroes were Brett Favre and Dorsey Levens, Antonio Freeman and Gilbert Brown, none born when Lombardi's last team gave "Titletown, USA" its fifth NFL championship in seven seasons. This team, now 15-3, will head to New Orleans as the favorite over New England or Jacksonville to give the NFC its 13th straight title. It was also a win for sentiment, sending 35-year-old Reggic White, the NFL's all-time sack

leader, to his first Super Bowl. The weather at 40-year-old Lambeau Field, where the Packers won their 18th in a row, wasn't as big a factor as expected.

It was 3 degrees F (-16 C) at gametime with a wind-chill of minus-17 (-27 C). Favre, whose two turnovers

helped Carolina to an early lead, was 19 of 29 for 292 yards, including touchdown passes of 29 yards to Levens and 6 yards to Freeman. Levens had 205 total yards, 88 yards on 10 carries and and 117 yards on five catches, including a 66-yard ramble with a screen pass that set up Edgar Bennett's 4-yard

touchdown run. This one was a contest for 29 minutes, or until the Packers scored 10 points within 38 sec-

onds in the first half's final minute to turn a 10-7 deficit into a 17-10 lead.

Ramat Gan thrashed the Holonis for the second time in a week. After They added three more on Chris defeating Niv Bugin's club by 24 Jacke's field goal on their first points in State Cup play last week, possession of the second half ---Ramat Gan proved its superiority 13 points in an eight-minute span once more by routing Holon at in which Carolina had one offenhome. Roy Fisher, in what might be sive snap and put it away late in his last game in Ramat Gan, tallied the third 22 points. Fisher is under immense Without two Favre turnovers

that led to Carolina's 10 first-half middle, shutting down the points, this one went just as fore- Carolina run and forcing Carolina "The team that can run will do - pass

win," Favre said before the game. Well, Green Bay did and Carolina didn't - the Packers running for 201 yards overall, the most against the Panthers this Brown, meanwhile, sealed the

to do what it would prefer not to

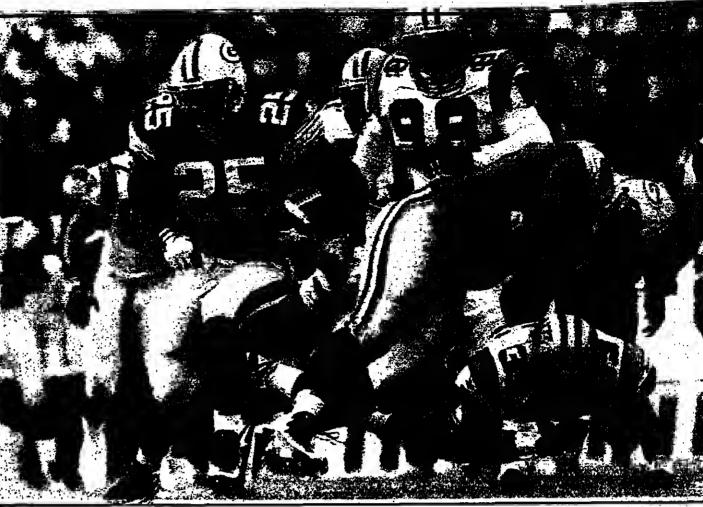
The Packers were running but the Panthers were leading, cour-tesy of an interception by Sam Mills off Favre that put the ball at the Green Bay 2 and led to Kerry Collins' 3-yard TD pass to Howard Griffith that made it 7-0.

But on the final play of the first quarter, Levens caught Carolina's zone blitz defense stunting the wrong way and broke a 35-yard run to the Panthers' 29.

On the next play, the first of the second quarter, Favre found Levens behind Eric Davis for the touchdown that tied it at 7-all.

Mike Fox forced a fumble by Favre that set up John Kasay's 22yard field goal that put Carolina ahead 10-7.

First they drove 71 yards in 15 plays, chewing up 7 minutes and 52 seconds, scoring on Favre's 6yarder to Freeman with 48 seconds left in the half.



LONG GAINER - Green Bay RB Dorsey Levens breaks away for a 20-yard gain in second-quarter action. The Packers beat the (Reuter) Panthers 30-13 to advance to the Super Bowl.

Then the Packers took control.

In a final touch, Green Bay inserted Jim McMahon for Favre on the final series,

## Hingis aims to be youngest Aussie Open winner

SYDNEY (AP) - Boosted by ber victory at the Sydney International, Martina Hingis heads into the Australian Open with a confidence that belies ber

tender years. ----The Swiss tennis prodigy, just 16, is seeded fourth for the Open, which starts today at the National Tennis Center in Melbourne.

month in 1991, is the youngest Happel Saled. The team is currently Australian Open women's chambut H save she

dream for this year. I think I have

Ran lone Israeli in Open Eyal Ran will be the only Israeli player in the main draw of the Australian Open. Ran, ranked 154 in the ATP Tour rankings, will

Carlos Moya.

impressive career, took time out from his commitments at the Colonial Classic to watch Moya face Britain's Tim-Henman in the final of the Sydney International on Saturday.

for a tough match at the National Tennis Center. The Spaniard beat Becker in the first round of the Paris Indoors in November — their only previous meeting. "To get to a final is a good achievement for a so-called clay courter," Becker said, "I saw a few things he didn't do too well against Henman, but I also saw some things he did well." Becker, who is seeded sixth, ended a five-year drought in Grand Slam tournaments by winning the Open last year and says he feels under absolutely no pressure. He ended last year with five titles -- including the Grand Slam Cup — and a place in the final of the ATP Tour Championship. Becker lost to Michael Chang at the Colonial Classic after holding three match points, but says be's satisfied with his progress.

"My game has been getting better as the week goes on," he said Saturday.

If Becker wins the Australian The 29-year-old German, win-Der of six Grand Slam titles in his inde, but the field is a formulable one despite several withdawais. World No.1 Pete Sampras and No.2-ranked Chang are seeded to meet in the final and both open against lowly-ranked foes.

m Saturday. Sampras, who is seeking the Moya lost in straight sets, but ninth Grand Slam title of his never heard of Dinu Pescariu, a 22-year-old Romanian qualifier. Pescariu is ranked 169 in the world and has never been higher than 133 in five years as a professional. Making the second round. of the French Open in 1991 is the highlight of his Grand Slam Career. Chang will face lucky loser Kris Goossens of Belgium as he aims to win his first Grand Slam event since the 1989 French Open. He made the semis in Mclbourne in 1995 and the final last year, where he lost to Boris Becker. Third-seeded Goran Ivanisevic of Croatia, an enigma who has never won a Grand Slam singles title despite his undoubted power and talent, begins against Australian wild card Ben Ellwood, while No. 5 seed Thomas Muster of Austria faces American qualifier Geoff Grant.

Monica Seles, at 17 years 1

the top seed. "I would like to win a Grand Slam tournament, that's my big

Slam quarter-final at the 1996

Australian Open and then beat World No.1 Steffi Graf on her way to the final at the Italian Open. She

help him when he opens his defense of his Australian Open tennis title against Spaniard

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## Horry traded to Lakers

INGLEWOOD (AP) — Robert Horry, recently suspended for throw-ing a towel in the face of Phoenix coach Danny Ainge, was traded to the Los Angeles Lakers in a four-player deal Friday that sent Cedric Ceballos back to the Suns.

Rumeal Robinson also went to Phoenix and Joe Kleine went to the Lakers.

It was the second major trade in 16 days for the Suns, who acquired All-Star guard Jason Kidd from Dallas last month.

sbe has a chance of winning and is now much more at ease with the high-pressure atmosphere of the Grand Slam tournaments.

"I feel much more comfortable at the Grand Slams," Hingis said after beating American Jennifer Capriati 6-1, 5-7, 6-1 on Saturday to win her third WTA Tour tournament

"1 always like to play in Australia. 1 think 1 have a pretty good draw at the Australian Open, where World No. 1 Steffii Graf is

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from Zimbabwe (59) in the next round. Last year Ran reached the second round, where he lost a fourset match to Australia's Mark Philippoussis. . Of the Israelis in

Melboorne, only Ran managed to pass the qualifying rounds. Eyal Erlich, Anna Smashnova and Hula Rosen all lost their firstround qualifying matches. Heather Chair .

play Justin Gimmelstob (152) from the US in the first round in an

also reached the US Open semifinais in August.

In the men's singles, Boris Becker gleaned some tips watch-

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## Brumer bound for trial with Man. Utd

### By Derek Fattal

Gadi Brumer has been invited for a trial with Premier League champions Manchester United.

This is not the first time the Red Devils have expressed interest in acquiring Brumer. Last season Les-Kershaw, United's senior scout, ... came here to watch Brumer in action in a friendly international fixture against Lithuania.

opening line last month. Brumer's best play this season has been in the national squad's World Cup qualifying matches against Russia and Bulgaria in which he managed to show his uncanny ability to €. score vital goals as well as defend. With Maccabi's hopes of successfully defending its title more or less dead, and United needing to further strengthen its squad in a hid for European Cup and domestic honors, the time could finally be ripe for Brumer's +

## Lara steers Windies to win

PERTH (AP) - The West Indies pulled off a nerve-tingling fourwicket win yesterday over

Set to make 268 runs to win, Brian Lara smashed a majestic Australia to shut the home side out 110-ball 90 runs to see the West of the World Series limited overs Indies home with four balls to

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Toronto 2; Chicago 3, Detroit 1; San Jose 2, Edmonton 1; Fiorida 4, Laugary 1; Los Angeles 2, St. Louis I. NBA – Saturday's results: Toronto 123, New Jersey 106; Atlanta 87, San Antonio 82 (OT); Washington 98, Cleveland 85; Detroit 87, Utah 77; New York 112, Boston 99; Minnesola 95, L.A. Clippers 93; Chicago 110, Houston 86; Dallas 104, Denver 99; Seattle 92, Indiana 82; Sacramento 109; Venesure 101 EAST-WEST SHRINE - Saturday's result:East 17, West 13.

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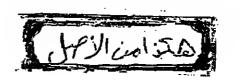
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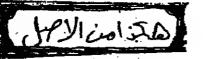
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- Soprano. Evelyn Tubb and Intenist Anthony Rooley of the Consort of Musicke present a series of master classes at the Jerusalem Music Centre today through Thursday (10 a.m. -1 and 3:38 ... 5.30). Admission is free. On Saurday they per-form their special program Bewitching Bracegirille - the Darling of the English Stage, at the Enav Center in Tel Aviv (8:30).

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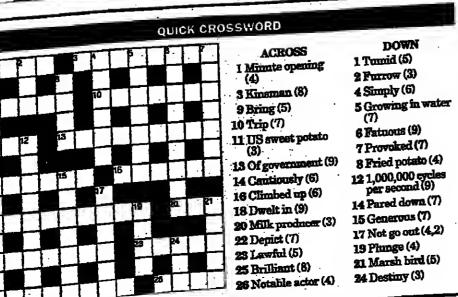
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### Monday, January 13, 1997 The Jerusalem Post

## **Rehov Bar-Ilan** compromise may be in the works

### By EVELYN GORDON

A compromise may be worked out whereby Jerusalem's Rehov Bar-Ilan will be closed on Shabbat in exchange for the reopening of nearby Rehov Yam Suf, following a six-hour hearing by the High Court of Justice yesterday.

In a surprise move, the compromise was proposed by the court's one religious justice, Tsevi Tal. Justices Aharon Barak, Shlomo Levin, Theodor Or, Eliyahu Mazza, Mishael Cheshin, and Dalia Domer quickly backed it.

In light of this proposal, the court's ruling on whether Transport Minister Yitzhak Levy can order Bar-Ilan closed during prayer times on Shabbat will be costponed for another week or two while Levy examines the idea. Levy told the court that, since Yam Suf was closed by the city of Jerusalem rather than by the Transport Ministry, only the city could reopen it. However, he said, he would meet with city officials this week to get their opinions.

Most local road closures fall under the jurisdiction of the city rather than the ministry. Only major arteries such as Bar-Ilan are. under the ministry's authority.

Even if Levy agrees, however, it is not clear the haredim will do so. "We will not compromise on

Shabbat," said Deputy Mayor Haim Miller (United Torah Judaism). "The issue of [closing the road only during prayer times] is already a painful compromise for us,"

Attorney Gershon Holtzer, who represents the Association for the Preservation of the Rights of the Religious and Haredi Community in Israel, said he considers the compromise unjustified. A real compromise, he said, would be for the secular to refrain from demands on Bar-Ilan, where they are a minority, while the religious refrain from demands in places like Beit Hakerem, where they are the minority. However, be said,

Yam Suf, so it is no different from Bar-Ilan. Secular representatives, however, were largely positive about the

proposal. "It establishes the principle of reciprocity," said attorney Yossi Amon, who represents petitioner MK Yossi Sarid (Meretz).

Tai's proposal was actually a response to Amon's comments during the hearing. Amon complained that Levy was closing Bar-Ilan "without a single move toward the secular." and that this was unfair, since "my freedom of movement... is no less important than the sanctity of Shabbat." An appropriate quid pro quo, be said, would be to open another road in exchange

When Tal actually took him up on this, Amon at first said it was not enough: There also had to be a promise that Bar-Ilan would be reopened at the first sign of haredi violence. However, he backed down after both Tal and Levy made it clear they did not accept this.

"A compromise agreement, like our peace accords, should not be beld hostage to every act of vio-lence [by an individual]." Tal said.

Levy, via government attorney Osnat Mandel, said that if there is violence, it should be dealt with by the police. He will reconsider his decision to close the road if the police, the city, or a government official asks him to do so, but otherwise he refuses to be influenced by violence, he said.

In response to the justices' ques-tions - which Mandel discussed with Levy by phone during the break - Levy also promised that if Bar-Ilan were closed, alternative routes, such as Jaffa Road and the Ramot road, would remain open. Dorner in particular was concerned that Bar-Ilan would set a precedent for these other roads, which also pass through large haredi communities. In additioo, Levy said, the Transport Ministry is oow consid-

the haredim are also a majority on ering the Zameret Committee's recommendations on a general mechanism for road closures. The proposal would leave such decisions to the local authorities, but would establish an appeal proce-

dure to a public body. Initially, the state had argued that Bar-Ilan should be closed during prayer times without any quid pro quo. None of the Zameret Committee members said the street could not be closed, Mandel noted; while some demanded the opening of public transportation on Shabbat in exchange, she said, this is an unrelated issue, as public transportation on Sbabbat does not help those inconvenienced by Bar-Ilan's closure. Instead, it belps a different

part of the secular population. Furthermore, she noted, the committee's official decision is for a solution "within the framework of the status quo," and public transportatioo is oot part of the status quo in Jerusalem. Cheshin agreed that the inconve-

nience caused by the road's clo-sure was minimal, but said he is concerned that it was being closed in response to violence. Levy, via Mandel, denied this. The decision was not influenced by violence, he said; it was a response to similar decisions by the Jerusalem city council and two public commis-sions (Sturm and Zameret), and numerous complaints by rabbis and neighborhood leaders.

[Levy said that] in the entire time he has been dealing with the affair, he has not received a single complaint from a secular person who would be hurt by the road's closure," Mandel added.

The petitioners' attorneys, however, charged that Levy bad taken what he wanted from the Zameret report and ignored the rest. Liat Collins adds:

Meretz leader Yossi Sarid criticized the High Court decision. saying, "To make a compromise with the baredi establishment is like compromisiog with the Sicilian Mafia."



Moshe Arens (right) greets Labor Party Chairman Shimon Peres at the Likud party headmarters in Tel Aviv, where he arrived for the first time yesterday to take part in a debate on the system of direct elections for prime minister.

## Peres visits Likud 1

### By SARAH HONIG

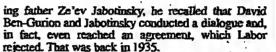
An unusual visitor paid his first-ever call on Likud headquarters at Metzudat Ze'ev yesterday evening. Labor Chairman Shimon Peres was never before inside the central Tel Aviv building, but he was warmly greeted and generously applauded at what was until last night forbidden enemy territory.

Peres was invited by Chairman of the Likud Executive Bureau MK Uzi Landau to take part in a debate on the system of direct elections for prime minister.

Both Landau and Peres share uncompromising opposition to the system, which was tried out for the first time in last summer's elections in which the Likud's Binyamin Netanyahu beat incumbent Peres for the premiership.

The system was approved in Labor formus despite Peres's opposition, due to the insistence of prime minister Yitzhak Rabin. The Likud never backed the notion and Netanyahu in fact broke party discipline to support it.

... Upon stepping through the extrance Peres reported he felt "just fine." In the shadow of the bust of found-



Since then, the political divide was so deep and unbridgeable that Peres, who flew to so many corners of the Arab world, never once set foot in this building on King George Street in the heart of old Tel Aviv.

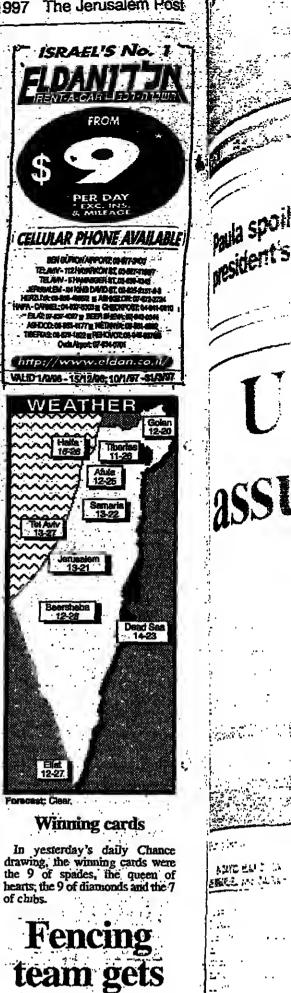
If there was any uncase about how he might be received, it was instantaneously dispelled as Peres was applauded upon entering the Independence Hall on the building's second story, where he proceeded to lambaste the new electoral system, to the undisguised pleasure of his host, Landau.

Arieh O'Sullivan adds:

Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, in his first ever comment on the possibility of a national unity government, said yesterday he was "not stuck to my chair."

"A national unity government is not on the agenda" right now. When we come to other circumstances we will discuss it," said Mordechai.

Asked if he would be willing to give up his portfolio in the event a national unity government is formed, Montechai answered. "I am not stack to my chair." .



'Swiss trucked Nazi gold into Spain'

NEW YORK (Reuter) - The Swiss National Bank, at the height of World War II, sent 280 muckloads of looted Nazi gold to Spain and Portugal in vehicles bearing neutral Switzerland's national embiem, according to a newly discovered US document released vesterday.

New York Republican Senator Alfonse D'Amato, whose Senate Banking committee has been probing Swiss-Nazi wartime dealings, released the "top secret" doc-

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unneot at a news conference, calling it a major archival discovery that deeply embarrasses the Swiss. "For the first time since our inquiry began we have a document confirming that the Swiss were actively involved in shipping gold for the Nazis. This document proves that the Swiss claim of neutrality was pure conscose."

D'Amato said. Meanwhile, Interior minister Ruth Dreifuss said yesterday the Swiss government would waste no

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time in deciding on a memorial fund for victims of the Holocaust. In an interview in the Swiss Suoday paper SonntagsZeitung, Dreifuss said the Federal Council (cabinet), was aware of the need to move swiftly and it was ready to take action. "It is quite clear to the council

that something has to be done fast," Dreifuss told the SonntagsZeitung. Dreifuss also repeated that the council was not planning to decouoce receot remarks by economics minister Jean-Pascal Delamuraz, who had described calls for a quick Swiss restitution to Holocaust victims as blackmail.

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lective group does not correct statements made by individual members," Dreifuss said, noting such a move was oot part of the country's political custom. Most Swiss seem to agree the governmeor should oot decounce Delamuraz, nor should he resign,

according to recent polls. A survey by the Lucerne-based LINK institute, published by the Blick tabloid oo Saturday, showed that less than one-third of the Swiss surveyed thought the goverament should distance itself from Delamuraz.

Another survey, by Sunday paper SonntagsBlick, showed that 80 percent of respondeots did oot think Delamuraz should resign, while 10% called for his resignation. Delamuraz's remarks, made as be was completing his one-year term in the rotating Swiss presi-dency, ouraged Isrseli politicians and world Jewish groups, who threatened to call a boycott against Swiss banks.

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## political asylum in 'any country'

Nigerian seeks

A Nigerian radio journalist who has been detained here for 13 months awaiting deportation to Nigeria filed a second petition to Haifa District Court yesterday, demanding that he be allowed out of jail to arrange political asylum

in any other country. Eugene Waslo, 31, claims he would be murdered if he returned to Nigeria, since he was active there with a revolutionary group. In 1991, he said, he belped aid a rebel leader by giving informatioo which led to their takeover of the radio station. However, government forces suppressed the rebels and anyone who was involved with the attempted coup is wanted by the authorities, be said.

Waslo escaped to the United States, where he married a Jewisb woman. While in the US be worked in a post office and a night club. About a year and a half ago he went with his wife on a trip to Egypt and Israel.

After a year in Israel, he was given a deportation order. Waslo said he asked not to be deported to Nigeria, where his life would be in danger.

"I am asking that I be deported to any country in the world besides Nigeria but the Israeli government is insisting on deporting me to Nigeria," he said at his first hearing before Haifa District Court, after no country agreed to

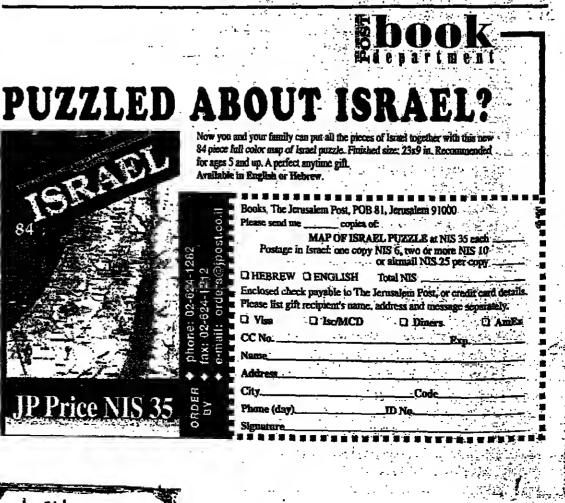
give him refuge. In the July bearing, the state said the man's claims should not be ignored for bumanitarian reasons; bowever, neither the Foreign Ministry nor the Interior Ministry bave information regarding

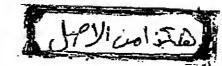
Waslo's alleged connections to the Nigerian opposition.

Judge Micha Lindenstrauss recommended at that hearing that the case be immediately investigated "due to the very long period of time the petitioner had been in

deteotion. In his second petition filed yesterday. Waslo complained he had been held for 13 months in jail here for no offense and all that he had been offered was to return to Nigeria.

Citing the special name of the case, Lindenstrauss agreed yesterday to rehear the request in the next few days. (Itim)





## from Iran

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By HEATHER CHAIT

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The national fencing team says it has received an invitation fromt. swom enemy Iran to take part in an international fencing competition in Teberan.

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By STINER PETRY

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Moshe Ben-Ezra, secretary-general of the Israel Fencing Association, said the invitation on Iranian Fencing Federation sta-tionery arrived Friday in an envelope from the International Fencing Association offices in Paris.

The letter was signed by Mohammed Zadeh, vice-president of the Iranian federation.

An official in Iranian Presideot Hasheini Rafsanjani's office, however, denied that the Israeli team had been invited to Teheran.

"Iran does not recognize the existence of Israel, so how can we invite a non-existing entity?" the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity. - .....

Ben-Ezra said tournament rules obligate host states to invite all countries belonging to the international association.

Ben-Ezra is convinced that Iranian officials knew the invitation would reach Israel, but does not believe visas will be extended to the Israeli team.